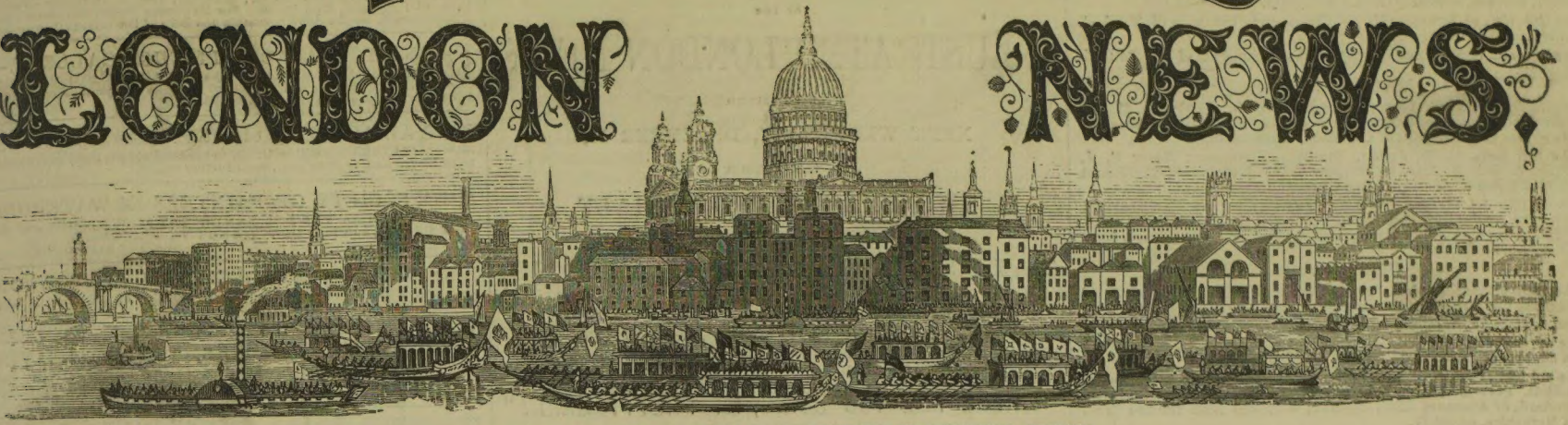


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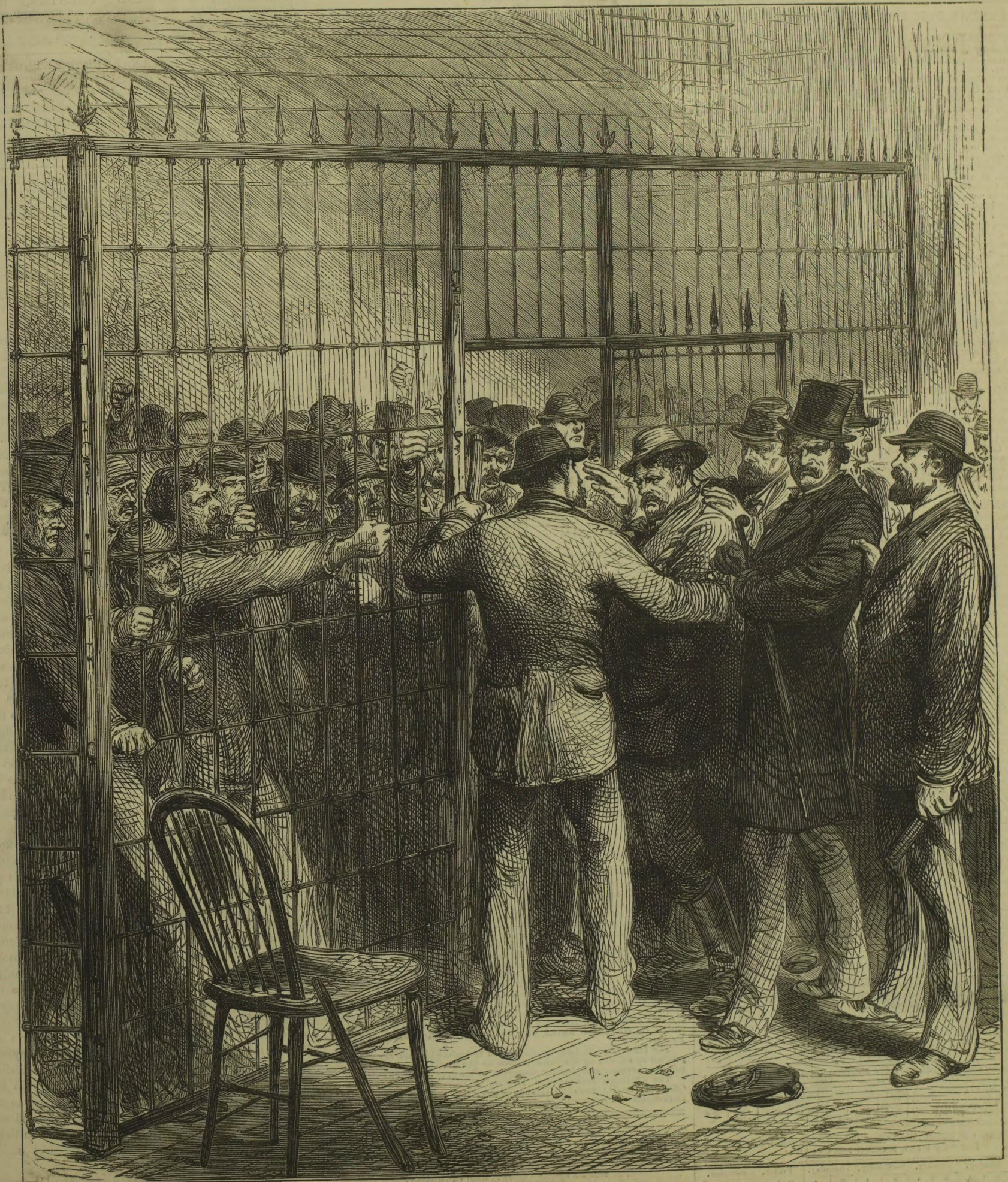


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BIRTHS.

On the 3rd inst., at 51, Bedford-square, the wife of Borlase Hill Adams, Esq., of a son.
On the 2nd inst., at The Lodge, Barnet, the wife of Almaric Rumsey, prematurely, of a son, who only lived a few hours.
On the 30th ult., at Stratton House, Cirencester, the wife of T. W. C. Master, Esq., jun., of a son.
On the 5th inst., at Winston Vicarage, Suffolk, the wife of the Rev. M. Allen, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

On the 5th inst., at St. John's Episcopal Church, Edinburgh, Major-General Charles Irvine, Bengal Army, to Juliet Isabella, younger daughter of the late James Connell, Esq., of Conthead, Dumfriesshire.
On the 5th inst., at St. Jude's, Southsea, Lieutenant Harry F. J. Wyatt, R.N., of H.M.S. Asia, to Margery S. N., daughter of Mr. James O'Neill, late member of the Legislative Council of New Zealand.
On the 5th inst., at St. George's Hanover-square, by the Rev. Stopford Brooke, assisted by the Rev. Richard Ingram, Cecil Tufton Alfred Otway, Esq., to Margaret, only child of the late Benjamin Abernethie Gordon, Esq., of Balbithan, Aberdeenshire.

DEATHS.

On the 12th ult., at Naples, Juanita Maria Stiell, eldest daughter of George Cheyne, Esq., M.D., of Mexico, of typhoid fever.
On Oct. 5, at Perth, Western Australia, Mrs. E. W. Landor.
On the 4th inst., at his residence, Heathfield, Putney, Thomas, son of the late John Stubbs, of Ludlow, Shropshire, Esq., aged 45.
On the 3rd inst., George Thomas Pollard, Esq., of Ashfield, Cheltenham, and Hundhill, Yorkshire, J.P., only son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel George Pollard, of Stannary Hall, Halifax, J.P. and D.L. for the West Riding of Yorkshire, aged 67.
On the 13th ult., at Oporto, Arminda A. de Souza Pinto, daughter of the late Joao Roberto Vieira Pinto, and only surviving sister of the late Mrs. Wilson Rawes, of that city.
On the 2nd inst., at 10, Gloucester-place, Edinburgh, Alexander Macnaughton, Esq., S.S.C. Friends will kindly accept this (the only) intimation.
On the 26th ult., at Edinburgh, Mary Asquith, relict of Captain Iderton Weatherley, R.N.

* * The charge for the insertion of Births, Marriages, or Deaths is Five Shillings for each announcement.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK ENDING DEC. 16.

SUNDAY, DEC. 10.		WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13.	
Second Sunday in Advent.		Literary Fund, 3 p.m.	
Accession of Leopold II., King of the Belgians, 1865.		Meteorological Society, 7 p.m.	
St. Paul's Cathedral, 10.30 a.m., the Rev. G. P. Otley; 3.15 p.m., the Rev. Canon Liddon; 7 p.m., the Rev. D. Trender, Vicar of Teddington.		Church Schoolmasters' Benevolent Institution, evening concert, Exeter Hall (Randelger's "Fridolin," &c.).	
Westminster Abbey, 10 a.m., the Rev. F. K. Harford, Minor Canon; 3 p.m., the Rev. H. Scott Holland.		National Reform Union, annual meeting.	
St. James's, noon, the Rev. Canon George Protheroe.		Epidemiological Society, 8.30 p.m.	
Whitehall, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., the Rev. T. G. Bonney.		Gaelic Society, 8, annual meeting.	
Savoy, 11.30 a.m., the Rev. Henry White, Chaplain in Ordinary to the Queen; 7 p.m., the Rev. George Protheroe, Canon of Westminster.		Society of Telegraph Engineers, 8 p.m. (Mr. W. H. Preece on Shunts).	
Temple Church, 11 a.m., probably the Rev. Dr. Vaughan, the Master; 3 p.m., the Rev. A. Ainger, the Chaplain.		Royal Academy, 8 p.m. (Professor J. Marshall on Anatomy).	
MONDAY, DEC. 11.		Birmingham Annual Cattle and Agricultural Show (five days).	
Asiatic Society, 3 p.m. (Mr. H. H. Howorth on the Northern Frontiers of China).		Society of Arts, 8 p.m. (Mr. E. Meyerstein on a New Process of Printing a Number of Colours at one Impression).	
London Institution, 5 p.m. (Mr. R. H. Scott on Weather Knowledge).		Temple Church, Special Service, 8 p.m. (the Rev. Dr. Vaughan on "the Seventh Vial" of the Revelations).	
Medical Society, 8.30 p.m.		Schuert Society, soirée musicale, Beethoven Rooms.	
Monday Popular Concerts, St. James's Hall, 8 p.m.		THURSDAY, DEC. 14.	
Society of Engineers, 7.30 p.m., anniversary.		The Prince Consort died, 1861.	
Royal Academy, 8 p.m. (Professor J. Marshall on Anatomy).		London Institution, 7 p.m. (Dr. W. B. Carpenter on Mesmerism, Odysm, Table-Turning, and Spiritualism).	
Society of Arts, Cantor Lecture, 8 p.m. (Mr. George A. Thrupp on the History of the Art of Coach-Building).		Royal Society, 8.30 p.m.	
Guildford Cattle, Horse, and Poultry Show (two days).		Society of Antiquaries, 8.30 p.m.	
Colonial Institute, 8 p.m. (the Rev. Dr. Donald Fraser, on Canada As He Remembers It and As It Is).		London Mathematical Society, 8 p.m.	
TUESDAY, DEC. 12.		Royal Albert Hall, Mr. W. Carter's Choir, 8 p.m. ("The Creation").	
Meeting to promote a memorial to the late Mr. George Moore, City Terminus Hotel, 1 p.m.		Birmingham National Dog Show (four days).	
Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8.		Historical Society, 8 p.m. (Dr. George Harris on Domestic Every-Day Life, Manners, and Customs in this Country, from the Earliest Period to the Close of the Eighteenth Century; No. II., the Rev. A. H. Wratlaw on the History of the Counts of Cilly).	
Institution of Civil Engineers, 8 p.m. (Continued Discussion on the Chalk Water System; Mr. I. J. Mann on the Testing of Portland Cement).		Inventors' Institute, 8 p.m.	
Photographic Society, 8 p.m.		Swansea Annual Poultry Show.	
Geographical Society, 8.30 p.m. (the Prince of Wales in the chair—Captain Sir G. S. Nares on the North Circumpolar Sea; Captain A. H. Markham on a Sledge Journey towards the Pole).		Mid-Surrey Poultry and Bird Show, Kingston (two days).	
West Herts Agricultural Society, Annual Cattle and Poultry Show (two days).		FRIDAY, DEC. 15.	
Anthropological Institute, 8 p.m. (Mr. H. H. Howorth on the Ethnology of the Germans; Mr. W. Laws on Kitchen Midden; Mr. W. J. Knowles on Arrow-heads and on Prehistoric Objects at Portstewart).		New Moon, 6.14 p.m.	
Colonial Institute, 8 p.m.		Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, 2 p.m.	
Young Men's Christian Association, Aldersgate-street, 8 p.m. (Mr. Stevenson A. Blackwood).		Philological Society, 8 p.m. (Mr. R. B. Swinton on Common Tamil; Mr. D. Ross on Names of Birds).	
Charterhouse Commemoration, sermon by the Rev. G. J. Blore, 5 p.m., dinner of Old Carthusians.		Sacred Harmonic Society, 7.30 p.m. (Mendelssohn's St. Paul).	
		Royal Academy, 8 p.m. (Professor J. Marshall on Anatomy).	
		Llanelli Agricultural Society Show.	
		SATURDAY, DEC. 16.	
		Cambridge Term Ends.	
		Physical Society, 3 p.m. (Mr. W. Crookes on the Radiometer; Professor J. Dewar on a Capillary Electrometer).	
		Saturday Popular Concert, St. James's Hall, 3 p.m.	
		South Kensington Museum, 8 p.m. (Professor Huxley on the Systematic Teaching of Biology).	

THE WEATHER.

RESULTS OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS AT THE KEW OBSERVATORY OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY.
Lat. 51° 28' 6" N.; Long. 0° 18' 47" W.; Height above Sea, 34 feet.

DAY.	DAILY MEANS OF				THERMOM.		WIND.		
	Barometer Corrected.	Temperature of the Air.	Dew Point.	Relative Humidity.	Amount of Cloud.	Maximum, read at 10 P.M.	Minimum, read at 10 P.M.	General Direction.	Movement in 24 hours, read at 10 a.m. next morning.
Dec. 9.	29.581	40.9	35.8	84	2	46.4	36.5	WSW. SSW.	167
10	29.606	42.8	41.7	96	10	46.8	30.5	SSW. ENE. ESE.	185
11	29.348	51.5	48.7	91	9	54.8	44.3	E. SSW.	376
12	29.245	52.4	50.5	94	10	55.8	51.1	SW. E. S.	317
13	29.971	52.2	48.4	88	10	55.8	50.3	S. SSW.	457
14	28.543	49.1	44.7	86	10	52.6	48.1	S. WSW.	632
15	28.706	50.0	48.1	94	10	51.8	48.1	SSE. SSW.	491

The following are the readings of the meteorological instruments for the above days, in order, at ten o'clock a.m. :—
Barometer (in inches) corrected .. 29.581 29.606 29.348 29.245 29.971 28.543 28.706
Temperature of Air .. 40.9 42.8 51.5 52.4 52.2 49.1 49.1
Temperature of Evaporation .. 39.9 41.7 50.1 50.7 50.7 47.1 47.1
Direction of Wind .. SW. ENE. SSW. SW. S. S.

TIMES OF HIGH WATER AT LONDON BRIDGE.
FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 16.

	Sunday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.
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THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS.

LONDON: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1876.

Prince Bismarck has thrown a strong light upon the political situation that has arisen out of the misgovernment of Turkey. He has spoken twice on the Eastern Question—once at the close of a Parliamentary dinner given to him at Berlin, and subsequently in the German Parliament in reply to an interpellation addressed to him by one of the Democratic members. Of the first speech there is, we believe, no official record. The second comes to us with all the authority of a Ministerial Manifesto. The first hazily ushered in the last; but in all substantial features they both agree. They give us trustworthy information as to what is the policy determined upon by the German Government, and as to some of the main facts relating to other Governments which that policy has been adopted to meet. We need not remark upon the weighty importance attaching to these utterances. Perhaps there is no statesman in Europe who possesses a more intimate knowledge of, or a deeper insight into, all the elements and forces brought into play by the present Eastern Question than the Chancellor of the German Empire. Certainly, there is none who has a more potent central command of influence capable of being utilised with a view to restrain ill-regulated ambition. The power which he wields is somewhat restricted, it is true, in relation to the object which he has set before himself, because things are no longer dominated by the decisions of Administrations so much as by tides of national feeling. But even where the main current of human passion cannot be breasted, precautions may be taken to keep it within such bounds as will prevent it from spreading out into a general and disastrous inundation.

In the view of Prince Bismarck there does not appear to be any flattering chance of preserving peace unbroken. He does not, indeed, despair even of that. He professes his belief that an understanding will be attained on all differences that may possibly exist between Russia and England, and, therefore, that the Resolutions of the guaranteeing Powers at the forthcoming Conference may exhibit unanimity. Russia, he tells us, does not aim at great conquests. "The Emperor Alexander only asks us for our co-operation at the Conference for the improvement of the position of the Christians in Turkey—a purpose to which our Emperor and our Nation willingly offer a helping hand. That we shall support this object is beyond all question. This support is justified by sympathy for our co-religionists and for the purposes of civilisation." Thus far, good. The influence of Germany in the Conference at Constantinople will be employed to reconcile differences, to adapt proposed means to avowed ends, and to moderate such imperiousness of self-will on the part of either of the Powers as, unchecked, might easily excite angry opposition.

Still, it is but too probable that the Conference may fail, and it is quite possible that the Porte may decline to accede to the conclusions at which it may arrive. In that

case, Russia will undertake to carry into execution, at her own risk and on her own responsibility, the counsels of Europe. She has probably no alternative in such a case, for the force which is behind her is far too overwhelming to admit of her safely resisting its pressure. But Prince Bismarck tells us that Russia does not ask the assistance of Germany for that purpose, although no one will expect her to interpose her veto against it, inasmuch as the objects aimed at are precisely those for which she is herself striving. "But though the present situation," he says, "involves no question of war for us, it yet demands of us an extremely cautious attitude. We must maintain good relations with all the Powers, and can only actively interpose if one of our friends is imperilled by another Power." These somewhat vague words addressed to the German Parliament may be interpreted by a reference to his preceding speech at the Parliamentary dinner. He therein intimated that any danger to Austria would instantly attract and secure the assistance of Germany, and he asserted with emphasis that the alliance of the three Empires is still entirely deserving of its name, and continues to exist. "As with Russia, so with England also, we have maintained amicable relations for centuries. As regards the Eastern Question, we have set ourselves the task of mediating between the Powers, and of maintaining peace so far as depends upon us."

The substance of this exposition of German policy cannot be unknown to Lord Salisbury, who has reached Constantinople fresh from an interview with the Emperor of Germany and with Prince Bismarck, the Chancellor of the Empire. The few words which the Prince let drop concerning the English Plenipotentiary indicated the moderation of his views and his disposition to labour hopefully at the Conference for its success. It is reassuring to be able to entertain this opinion. Very much, of course, will depend upon the spirit with which the representative of England prosecutes his mission; and we hope there is sufficient reason for expecting that he will fairly, as well as temperately, urge the policy approved by a vast majority of the Queen's Subjects. The question of the occupation of Herzegovina and Bosnia by Austria appears to be practically ceded by the Porte; that of the occupation of Bulgaria by Russia, although it is quite possible that it may be put into a shape which will secure for it the acceptance of the other guaranteeing Powers, will, no doubt, be resisted by the advisers of the Sultan as long as possible. It is not certain, however, that matters will be pushed to extremity on either side. Some compromise may be effected which, without endangering the main object of the Conference, may avoid the too glaring semblance of trespass upon the Sovereignty of the Porte. At any rate, should there be war between Russia and Turkey, every effort will be made by the other Powers to restrict its limits, and to prevent its merging into a European scramble. Germany, we learn from the lips of Prince Bismarck, will use all her legitimate influence to prevent the war from spreading—that is, will endeavour to reassure England on the one hand, and Austria on the other. Such being the avowal of her policy, it may be hoped there will be no very serious divergence of views in the Conference about to assemble, and, peradventure, that the united voice of Europe will prevail upon the Porte to acquiesce in those guarantees for Reform deemed indispensable by the Great Powers.

THE COURT.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice continue at Windsor Castle. Prince Leopold has been prevented joining his mother owing to a severe strain of his leg.

Madame Van de Weyer and Miss Alice Van de Weyer dined with her Majesty on Thursday week, and the next day the Right Hon. G. Ward Hunt (First Lord of the Admiralty), Captain George S. Nares, H.M.S. Alert, and Captain Henry E. Stephenson, H.M.S. Discovery, dined with the Queen, and passed the night at the castle.

Princess Beatrice came to London on Saturday last, and was present at the Saturday Popular Concert at St. James's Hall, after which she visited the Duchess of Cambridge at St. James's Palace, and then returned to Windsor.

The Queen and the Princess attended Divine service, on Sunday, in the private chapel of the castle. The Rev. Henry White, Chaplain of the Chapel Royal, Savoy, officiated. Princess Christian visited her Majesty.

On Monday Prince and Princess Christian, the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, and Lady Rosamond Churchill, dined with the Queen.

Her Majesty and Princess Beatrice visited the Duke and Duchess of Teck at the White Lodge, Richmond Park, on Tuesday. They travelled by special train on the South-Western Railway to Mortlake, and drove thence to the White Lodge. Princess Louise of Lorne and the Marquis of Lorne arrived at, and the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, with their daughter, left the castle. Princess Christian visited her Majesty. Lieutenant-General Sir T. M. and the Hon. Lady Biddulph dined with the Queen.

On Wednesday her Majesty and Princess Beatrice inspected the fat stock which was sold on the Prince Consort's farm the same day.

Her Majesty, with her daughters, has taken her customary daily out-of-doors exercise. The Queen continues to receive the most favourable accounts of the Duchess of Edinburgh and the infant Princess. Her Majesty purposes to pass the Christmas, as usual, at Osborne, Isle of Wight.

The Queen has conferred on the Duke of Manchester the honour of Knight Companion of the Order of St. Patrick, in the room of the late Marquis Conyngham.

The Duchess of Roxburghe has succeeded the Marchioness Dowager of Ely as Lady in Waiting. The Hon. Horatia Stopford has arrived at the castle. Lord De Ros, Captain Charles E. Phipps, and Colonel McNeill have succeeded the Earl of Jersey, Lord Frederic Ker, and Colonel L. Gardiner as Lord, Groom, and Equerry in Waiting.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

The festivities upon the birthday of the Princess of Wales at Sandringham were carried out, as usual, yesterday week. The children of the schools of Sandringham, West Newton, Wolferton, and Dersingham received their annual tea in the Royal mews; and the Prince and Princess gave a ball, to which the principal tenants on the following estates were invited:—Sandringham, Holkham (the Earl of Leicester's), Rainham (Marquis Townshend's), Houghton (the Marquis of Cholmondeley's), Wolferton (the Earl of Orford's), Gunton (Lord Suffield's), Melton Constable (Lord Hastings's), Merton (Lord Walsingham's), Westacre (Mr. Hamond's), Marham (Mr. Villebois's), Hunstanton (Mr. Le Strange's), Castle Rising (Mrs. Howard's); and at which Prince and Princess Christian, the Duke of Cambridge, and other guests were present. The party of visitors at Sandringham broke up on Saturday last. The Prince and Princess and Princes Albert Victor and George and Princess Louise of Wales attended Divine service on Sunday at Sandringham church. The Rev. W. Lake Onslow and the Rev. J. Russell, Incumbent of Swymbridge, Devon, officiated. The Prince has been on a visit during the week to the Maharajah Dhuleep Singh at Elvedon, Suffolk. The Prince has sent presents of game to the Charing-cross, Brompton Consumption, and other hospitals of the metropolis.

Dr. Pirrie, Professor of Surgery in Aberdeen University, has been appointed honorary surgeon to the Prince of Wales for Scotland.

The Duke of Connaught took part in a musical entertainment at the Dublin barracks yesterday week, playing the piano accompaniment for two items in the programme. The Duke went to the Theatre Royal, Dublin, on Tuesday night, and witnessed the performance of Mr. Irving as Charles I. The Prince was warmly greeted by the audience.

The Duke of Cambridge returned to Gloucester House on Saturday last from Sandringham.

Owing to the serious illness of their eldest son, Prince Adolphus, the Duke and Duchess of Teck have been prevented being the guests of the Marquis and Marchioness of Hertford at Ragley this week.

The Duke and Duchess of Richmond and Gordon and the Ladies Gordon-Lennox have arrived at Goodwood from Gordon Castle.

The Duke and Duchess of Somerset have arrived at Stover, their seat in Devonshire, from Maiden Bradley, Wilts.

FASHIONABLE MARRIAGES.

The marriage of Captain Alfred Duncombe (late 1st Life Guards), eldest son of the Very Rev. and Hon. the Dean of York and Lady Harriet Duncombe, to Lady Florence Adelaide Montagu, youngest daughter of the Earl of Sandwich, was solemnised at St. Andrew's Church, Wells-street, on Tuesday. The ceremony was performed by the Dean of Windsor and the Rev. P. Webb. The bridesmaids were Miss C. Cadogan, Miss Eleanor Duncombe, Miss Florence Duncombe, Lady Florence Gordon-Lennox, Miss Paget, and Miss Wemyss. Captain Charles Duncombe, 1st Life Guards, was best man. The breakfast was given by the Earl of Sandwich at his residence in Grosvenor-square. The bridal gifts were numerous and costly, including a bracelet from the Princess of Wales.

Lord St. Leonards and Miss Marian Caroline Dashwood, only daughter of Lady William Graham and the late Captain George Astley Charles Dashwood, second son of Sir George Dashwood, of Kirtlington Park, Oxford, fourth Baronet, were married, on Tuesday, at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge. The Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Hereford officiated, assisted by the Hon. and Rev. Robert Liddell, and the Ven. Archdeacon Brown, of Wells. The bride, who was attended to the altar by eight bridesmaids, was given away by her brother, Mr. Arthur G. F. Dashwood. Lord St. Leonards and his bride purpose to pass their honeymoon abroad.

The marriage of Mr. Milnes Gaskell and Lady Catherine Henrietta Wallop, eldest daughter of the Earl of Portsmouth, took place on Wednesday.

Sir William G. G. Vernon Harcourt, M.P., and Mrs. Ives, daughter of Mr. J. L. Motley, the historian, sometime United States Minister to the Court of St. James's, were married on Saturday last, by special license, in Henry VII.'s Chapel, Westminster Abbey. The ceremony, which took place at two o'clock, was performed by the Very Rev. Dr. Stanley, Dean of Westminster, assisted by the Rev. Lord John Thynne, and the Rev. Samuel Flood Jones. Owing to a recent domestic bereavement in Sir William's family, the wedding was private.

The marriage between the Hon. Frederick Ponsonby and Miss Howard, daughter of Mr. and Lady Fanny Howard, of Compton-place, Eastbourne, will take place early in February; and the marriage of the Hon. Harry Bourke and Miss Constance Lambart is fixed to take place, on the 18th inst., at Beau Parc, Mr. Lambart's seat in the county of Meath.

METROPOLITAN NEWS.

The Court of Alderman has voted the Governor of the City Prison, Holloway, £500 for "long and faithful services."

The Froebel Society, which has for its object the promotion of the Kinder-Garten system, held its annual meeting at the house of the Society of Arts, on Tuesday, when Mrs. William Grey gave an address explaining the society's aims.

Professor Huxley, on Monday, gave the opening lecture of the present session at the London Institution, and, in the course of an address on the pedigree of the horse, expressed his firm belief in the doctrine of evolution.

Colonel Haygarth has been chosen joint treasurer of St. George's Hospital with the Duke of Westminster, in the room of Mr. J. A. Shaw-Stewart, who has accepted the office of Bursar of Keble College.

The Sacred Harmonic Society will perform Mendelssohn's "St. Paul," at Exeter Hall, under the direction of Sir Michael Costa, on Friday next. The principal vocalists will be Madame Sherrington, Miss Julia Elton, Mr. Edward Lloyd, and Signor Foli.

A meeting of the Hospital Sunday Fund Committee was held yesterday week. Although the full amount of the sum collected had not yet been received, the committee decided that £23,827 be given to sixty-nine general and special hospitals and four institutions, and £2275 to forty-five dispensaries.

At yesterday week's meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works a discussion took place upon a motion of Mr. Fowler that the resolution of the Board, on Oct. 6, approving the clauses of the Thames Inundations Bill be rescinded. The motion was, however, lost by a majority of 20 to 15.

Mr. C. S. Read, M.P., presided at the sixth annual conference of the representatives of Boards of Guardians, which was held, on Wednesday, in Adam-street, Adelphi. Resolutions were passed calling upon the Local Government Board to make further regulations restricting the action of outdoor relief, and instructing the central committee of the conference to appoint a deputation to wait upon Mr. Slater-Booth.

The Grocers' Company have contributed the sum of £300 towards the current expenses of the Seamen's Hospital (late Dreadnought), Greenwich; and £100 towards the special fund in aid of the classes for drawing and modelling at the Architectural Museum, Westminster.

At a general meeting of the Royal Institute of British Architects on Monday evening last—Mr. Charles Barry, president, in the chair—Professor Donaldson, past president, read a paper on the recent travels of Lieutenant-Colonel Playfair, her Majesty's Consul-General for Algiers and Tunis, in the footsteps of Bruce.

The extension of the Metropolitan Railway from Bishopsgate-street to Aldgate was opened for through traffic on Monday morning, and henceforth upwards of 800 trains a day, or 400 each way, will run in and out of that station, commencing at 5.45 a.m. and terminating at 11.50 p.m. The new station is situated at Aldgate High-street.

The anniversary meeting of the London Auxiliary of the United Kingdom Alliance was held at the Westminster Palace Hotel, on Tuesday night, under the presidency of the Rev. Canon Farrar. There was a very large attendance. The report, which was read and adopted, gave an encouraging résumé of the operations of the London Auxiliary during the past twelve months.

The Victoria (Philosophical) Institute held the first meeting of its eleventh session in its new apartments on Monday—Mr. C. Brooke, F.R.S., in the chair. Several new members were elected, and it was stated that the society now numbers 713 members. A paper on the Egyptian Myth of Ra, by Mr. W. R. Cooper, of the Society of Biblical Archaeology, was read, and several took part in the discussion which followed.

The weekly return of metropolitan pauperism shows that the total number of paupers last week (the fourth week in November) was 82,247, of whom 37,637 were in workhouses and 44,610 received outdoor relief. Compared with the corresponding weeks in 1875, 1874, and 1873, these figures show a decrease of 2535, 11,468, and 21,012 respectively. The number of vagrants relieved on the last day of the week was 684, of whom 500 were men, 154 women, and 30 children.

Lord Hartington presided, on Thursday week, at the annual banquet of the Scottish Corporation at the Freemasons' Tavern, in Great Queen-street. About 500 gentlemen were present. Before the close of the proceedings, Mr. Macrae Moir, the secretary, announced subscriptions to the amount of about £2500, including 500 gs. from the Caledonian Society and 100 gs. from the Queen.—Mr. Thomas Inglis, the collector of the Scottish Corporation, has been appointed secretary to the Royal Caledonian Asylum, Caledonian-road.

On Monday evening, at the concluding meeting of the Farmers' Club, Mr. C. S. Read, M.P., introduced the subject of the Agricultural Labourer—His Position and Prospects. A discussion followed, in which Mr. Phipps, M.P., Mr. Mechi, and other gentlemen took part.—Mr. W. B. Beach, M.P., presided at the annual meeting of the members of the Central Chamber of Agriculture, held at the Salisbury Hotel, on Wednesday, when it was stated that the total number of chambers of agriculture and farmers' clubs contributing to the funds is fifty-one, by all of which deputies were sent to the meetings. The society had, in conjunction with the Farmers' Club, submitted a number of regulations to the Duke of Richmond, to which his Grace had sent a reply, the consideration of which was deferred until the next meeting.

Lord Hartington, on Saturday afternoon, distributed the prizes and certificates to the successful candidates from the London, Southward, and Streatham-hill centres at the local examinations held this year by the University of Oxford. The ceremony took place in the theatre of the London University. In the senior division of the candidates there were forty-four girls, and among the juniors thirty-five girls obtained certificates. His Lordship pointed out that while University and Public School education and elementary instruction had received much attention from the Legislature, middle-class teaching, with the exception of the report of a Royal Commission, had been neglected. This had been to some extent remedied by the system of local examinations, instituted by the Universities eighteen years ago.

The annual meeting of the National Benevolent Institution was held at the Freemasons' Tavern yesterday week—the Rev. Dr. Currie in the chair. The Rev. Mr. Latreille, the secretary, read the report, which stated that the receipts for the year ending on Sept. 30 last, beginning with a balance from the previous year of £2265, included £4340, annual and special subscriptions; £4617, dividends on stock; £1106, life donations; and £929, legacies. The payments to the pensioners amount to £7373, and the working expenses to £1246. The life donations and legacies have been funded according to rule, and there remains in the bankers' hands a balance of £1715. The entire number of aged persons for whom the institution has made permanent provision is 1493, of whom more than 300 are still on the pension list, one of whom being in the 101st year of her age. The report was adopted.

The total number of births registered in London last week was 2421, and the deaths numbered 1558. Allowing for increase of population, the births exceeded by 87, whereas the deaths were 183 below, the average numbers in the corresponding week of the last ten years. The deaths included 31 from measles, 41 from scarlet fever, 9 from diphtheria, 25 from whooping-cough, 30 from different forms of fever, and 16 from diarrhoea. To the seven principal diseases of the zymotic class 219 deaths were referred, against 205 and 184 in the two preceding weeks. These 219 deaths were 62 below the corrected average number from the same diseases in the corresponding week of the last ten years. The 30 deaths referred to fever were 16 below the corrected average; 2 were certified as typhus, 21 as enteric or typhoid, and 7 as simple continued, low, or relapsing fever. The smallpox epidemic continues to spread in the metropolis. Last week the deaths from that disease, which had been 48, 52, and 43 in the three preceding weeks, rose to 67, of which 26 were certified as unvaccinated and 25 as vaccinated; in the remaining 16 cases the medical certificates did not furnish any information as to vaccination. The three Metropolitan Asylum Smallpox Hospitals contained 529 patients on Saturday last, against numbers increasing steadily from 185 to 433 in the five preceding weeks. The Smallpox Hospital at Highgate, which has 108 beds, contained 61 patients on the 1st inst. In the last weekly return of the Registrar-General it was stated that, in the present year, among 31,360 unvaccinated children of the ages 1—5, 35 were certified to have died of smallpox; while 1 only of about 317,081 vaccinated children of the same age died of this disease. An inquiry respecting the latter child shows that he had been infected by the smallpox leaven some five days before he was vaccinated; at a time, therefore, when he was unprotected.—The Metropolitan Asylums Board has resolved to prepare for an anticipated smallpox epidemic by increasing the accommodation at Stockwell and Homerton Hospitals, and by erecting wards at Fulham and Deptford for 350 patients.



SOUP KITCHEN FOR HOMELESS PEASANTS AT BELGRADE.
FROM A SKETCH BY OUR SPECIAL ARTIST.

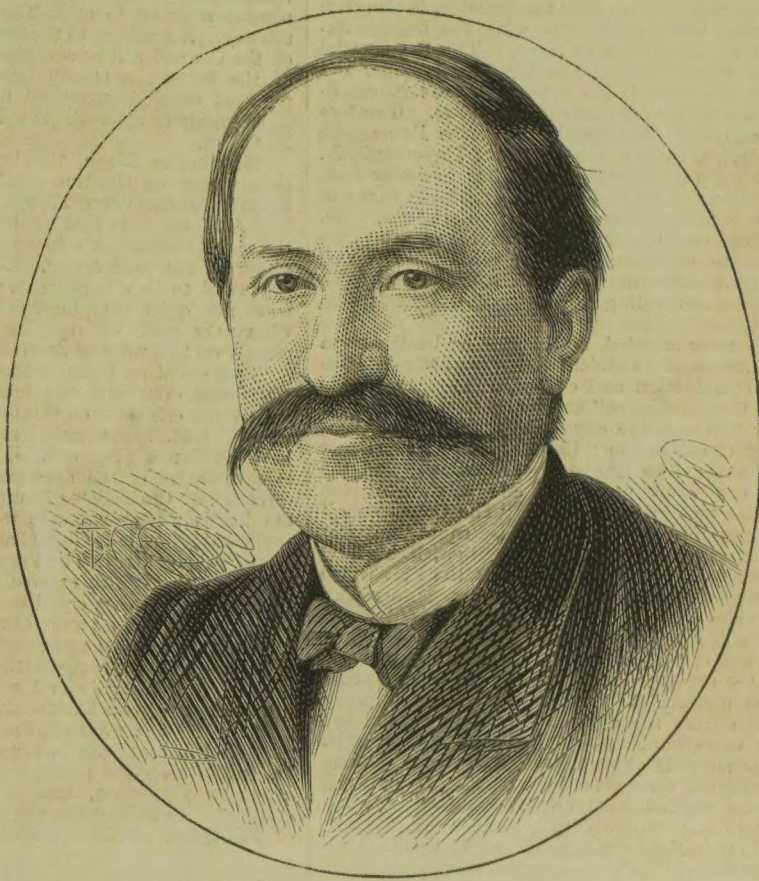


CASTLE AND BRIDGE OF BLAGAI, IN THE HERZEGOVINA.

THE CONFERENCE AT CONSTANTINOPLE.



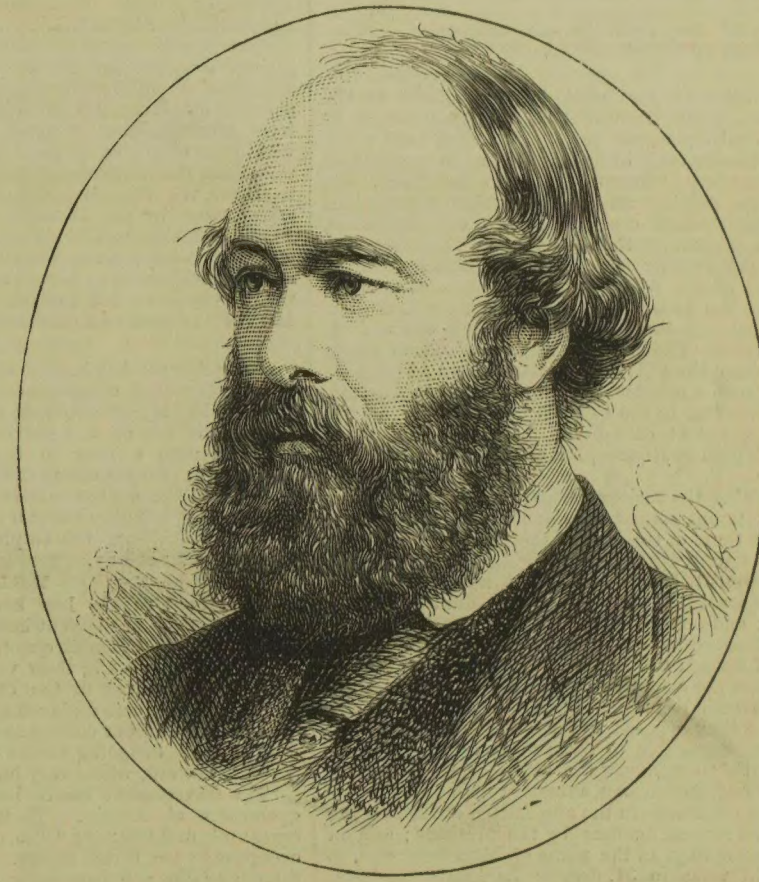
SAVFET PASHA, TURKEY.



GENERAL IGNATIEFF, RUSSIA.



COMTE DE CHAUDORDY, FRANCE.



THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY, ENGLAND.

The Portraits of four members of the European Conference meeting this week at Constantinople to settle the future destinies of the Turkish Empire are presented on this page—namely, the Marquis of Salisbury, who, as Special Envoy, together with Sir Henry Elliot, the British Ambassador to the Sultan, represents her Majesty's Government upon this occasion; General Ignatieff, the Russian Ambassador; the Count de Chaudordy, Special Envoy of the French Government; and Savfet Pasha, the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, assisted by Edhem Pasha, late Turkish Ambassador at Berlin.

The Most Noble Robert Talbot Gascoyne Cecil, Marquis of Salisbury, Secretary of State for India, is well known as one of the ablest Conservative statesmen of the present day. He is a direct descendant of Sir Robert Cecil, the famous Minister of Queen Elizabeth and of James I., created Earl of Salisbury in the latter reign; and of Sir William Cecil, Lord Burghley or Burleigh, father of Robert Cecil, and still more famous as Lord Treasurer of Queen Elizabeth. The present Marquis, who was born on Feb. 13, 1830, is second son of the late Marquis of Salisbury, whose elder son, the late

Lord Cranborne, died in June, 1865, nearly three years before the death of the father. Lord Robert Cecil, as the present Marquis was first called, was educated at Eton, and at Christ Church College, Oxford, where he took the degrees of B.A. in 1850 and M.A. in 1853, and was elected a Fellow of All Souls' College. He sat in the House of Commons as M.P. for Stamford from 1853 to 1868. In the late Lord Derby's Ministry of 1867, Lord Cranborne, as he was then styled, took office as Secretary of State for India; but he very soon left the Cabinet, along with General Peel and Lord Carnarvon, because they did not approve of Mr. Disraeli's Reform Bill. Upon the death of his father, in April, 1868, he became eighth Earl and third Marquis of Salisbury, Viscount Cranborne, and Baron Cecil. He again took office as Secretary of State in Mr. Disraeli's present Administration, when it was formed in February, 1874. His Lordship married, in 1857, the present Marchioness, who was Miss Georgina Alderson, daughter of the late Sir Edward Alderson, a Baron of the Court of Exchequer. He has four sons and two daughters. Lord Salisbury is Chancellor of the University of Oxford.

General Ignatieff has during many years past occupied the post of Russian Ambassador at Constantinople, acting under the direction of Prince Gortschakoff, the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs. He obtained great influence over the unhappy Sultan Abdul Aziz, but has always been openly viewed with repugnance and distrust by the Turkish party now in possession of the Government, and is not supposed to find favour with Sultan Abdul Hamid.

The Comte de Chaudordy is an experienced member of the French diplomatic service, which he entered in 1850; he was three years Ambassador at Vienna, and conducted the business of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, at Paris, under the Prince de la Tour d'Auvergne, at the time of the downfall of the Empire in 1870. The Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Savfet Pasha, is an accomplished European diplomatist, who will act in complete subserviency to Midhat Pasha, the ablest and most resolute of the Sultan's advisers.

Our Portrait of Lord Salisbury is from a photograph by the London Stereoscopic Company; that of the Comte de Chaudordy, from one by Franck, of Paris.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

It is not the actual voting for a new President of the United States, but the choosing of delegates, called electors, who are to appoint the President, that has been going on, during several weeks past, in the different States of the Union. Each State is empowered by the Federal Constitution to elect a number of such delegates, equal to the joint numbers of the Senators and of the Representatives sent by the State to the ordinary Congress at Washington. The Federal Senate is composed of two Senators from each State; but in the Federal House of Representatives there are more or fewer representing any particular State, in proportion to the numbers of the population. The two Senators in Congress are appointed by the State Legislature, while the Representatives are elected by the people at large. The Presidential electors, forming what is called the Electoral College, and having at present 369 votes to divide between the rival candidates, meets on the first Wednesday in December. The two conflicting parties, called the Republican and the Democratic party respectively, whose champions are Mr. Hayes and Mr. Tilden, have left not a stone unturned, by fair means or foul, to carry this election. In the large and populous State of New York, and especially in the city of New York, where Mr. Tilden's supporters were in the majority, there was much excitement upon the occasion; and complaints were rife of the fraudulent personation of registered voters, and of the practice of the same men voting repeatedly in different wards or districts.

Many persons were arrested at the polling-booths upon these and other charges of fraudulent voting, and were at once brought up for examination and committed to prison by the "United States Commissioners," holding special sessions on that day at four places in the city of New York. Mr. Commissioner Davenport sat in the "United States Circuit Court Room No. 7," in the New Post-Office Buildings; and the *Illustration* on our front page presents a view of the strange scene that took place there. "The Court-room," says a New York reporter, "is a large, square, utterly unfurnished apartment, excepting two benches, lighted by high windows opening upon the courtyard of the Post Office interior. In this room, however, is an inner cage, a roomy structure, with sides and sloping bars, and the wall at its back, at the south end of the apartment. As each batch of twenty-five men was disposed of, another was brought to the cage and put to the ordeal; the arrivals were so constant that the throng never diminished. The United States Attorney Bliss was present during the day, in the prosecution of the charges. In most cases the charge was that of fraudulent registration, and in the majority of them, a mistake either in name or number being shown, the parties were discharged. During the day, judgment was rendered on some 500 men—some being committed to Ludlow-street Gaol, some to the Tombs, and a few locked up in the iron cage all night, without any accommodation whatever." This description is borrowed from a New York paper, and it sufficiently explains the scene in our *Illustration*. It will scarcely tempt the subjects of our gracious Queen to envy the political liberties of the American Republic.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL NEWS.

FRANCE.

(From our Correspondent in Paris.)

Thursday, Dec. 7.

The Ministerial crisis of last week has culminated in the formal resignation of the Dufaure Ministry, the members of which, however, continue to hold their portfolios *de facto*, if not *de jure*, owing to the difficulty of finding anyone to accept their succession. The history of their downfall is a brief one. On Friday the Bill for putting an end to further prosecutions for offences committed in connection with the Commune, which had been passed by the Chamber of Deputies, was brought before the Senate. As had been anticipated, the desire on the part of the latter body to inflict a snub upon their colleagues of the Lower House was stronger than their appreciation of the fact that, by a conciliatory attitude on their part, the present Ministry might be enabled to retain office. They rejected the bill; and, as it had been adopted by the Government, such a rejection was tantamount to a defeat, which, coupled with that in the Chamber of Deputies, on the question of the payment of military honours to deceased members of the Legion of Honour, left the Ministry no option but to resign.

On Friday evening the various sections of the Left held a meeting, at which it was settled that M. Dufaure's views were incompatible with those of the bulk of the Chamber, and that his resignation was the only means of bringing matters to a satisfactory adjustment, but that this did not apply to his colleagues. A separation of interests of this kind was, however, impossible; and accordingly, when the Chamber met on Saturday, M. de Marcère ascended the tribune and announced the resignation of himself and his colleagues in a body, adding that, as the views of the committee appointed by the Chamber to consider the question of military honours at civil interments were found to be totally opposed to those of the Government, and as it had been impossible to come to an understanding, the latter felt bound to withdraw the bill purely and simply. M. Laussedat, a staunch Republican, at once proposed an order of the day expressing confidence in the application of the existing decrees as regarded funeral honours by the Ministry; and on M. de Marcère's accepting, in the name of Ministers, this, it was carried by 357 votes to 31, despite Legitimist protests. A Cabinet Council was held on Sunday, and the Ministry persisted thereat in their decision to resign, despite Marshal MacMahon's request that they would continue in office, and accordingly their formal resignation appeared in the *Journal Officiel* of Monday. At the meeting of the Chamber on that day M. Serph, a Conservative, opened the sitting by asking M. de Marcère whether, in accepting the vote of confidence in the name of the Ministry, he had done so with the consent of his colleagues, since rumours were current that they were dissatisfied with his having done so. M. de Marcère replied that it was self-evident that, though speaking on behalf of the Ministry, it had been impossible for him to consult his colleagues, since he had answered at once and without leaving the Chamber. This matter-of-fact reply failed to satisfy some members; several questions were put, and a noisy scene appeared imminent, when M. Gambetta played his usual part of a pacificator by the pertinent remark that it was impossible to address interpellations to a Ministry that no longer existed. The Chamber then resumed its real work, the discussion of the items of the Budget.

As to the probable members of the new Cabinet, name after name has been put forward, only to be withdrawn. The Marshal applied successively to the Duc d'Audiffret-Pasquier, the President of the Senate, and to M. Jules Grévy, the President of the Chamber of Deputies, to form a Cabinet, but both resolutely persisted in declining to take office. The President of the Republic appears determined to retain many members of the present Ministry about him, such as General Berthaut, the Minister of War; whilst, in the present state of

Europe, the retention of the direction of Foreign Affairs by the Duc Decazes, is a matter of necessity. It is, therefore, felt that a reconstructed and not a new Ministry is all that can be expected; and the prospect of enjoying a short career of office and the odium reaped by one's colleagues and predecessors, does not seem likely to tempt anyone of great note to join it. The Republicans wished to see M. Jules Simon succeed to M. Dufaure, who is bound to resign; but this is impossible, owing to his former attacks on the Marshal. And they will also have to lament the departure of M. de Marcère, whose Radical sympathies have brought him into disfavour at the Elysée. As for M. Gambetta, his time has not yet come, though the ultra-Conservative organs are accusing him of already aspiring to oust Marshal MacMahon from the Presidency. According to the latest information, the Presidency of the Council will be accepted by M. Duclerc, Vice-President of the Senate, a steady but moderate Republican, whose political career commenced in 1848, and whose nomination is supported by both the Duc d'Audiffret-Pasquier and M. Grévy.

M. Charles Blanc, the brother of Louis Blanc, known as a writer on the fine arts, was formally received at the French Academy on Thursday. Politics, on this occasion, intruded even into that neutral arena; for, as in duty bound, the new Academician's inaugural speech was a review of the career of his predecessor, M. de Carne; and, as M. de Carne happened to be a Legitimist, some of the observations made were not quite complimentary. M. Camille Rousset, upon whom the task of replying devolved, commented rather plainly on this want of courtesy.

That social sensation without which Paris could not possibly exist, even with the food for excitement supplied by a Ministerial crisis, has on this occasion occurred in the theatrical world. MM. Erckmann-Chatrian, the well-known novelists, have written a play entitled "L'Ami Fritz," founded on a tale of theirs of the same name. It was accepted by the direction of the Théâtre Français, and, as the time of its production drew near, rumours were most persistently set afloat to the effect that it contained a series of most violent onslaughts on the French army. The Republican tone of MM. Erckmann-Chatrian's works has created them many enemies, and they probably did all they could to spread the rumour. The consequence was that a powerful cabal of officers was formed, who determined to hiss the piece off the stage on its production if any passage in it aroused their susceptibilities. Paris was, therefore, on the *qui vive* for the repetition of scenes which occurred some years back at the representation of "Henriette Maréchal;" but, after all, the mountain only brought forth a mouse. "L'Ami Fritz" was produced on Monday, and turned out to be a simple pastoral story, admirably mounted, and acted to perfection, and utterly devoid of any offensive allusions. Consequently, not the slightest outbreak occurred. The Queen of Holland is staying here.

ITALY.

In the Chamber of Deputies, yesterday week, Signor Majorana, Minister of Agriculture, presented a bill for facilitating the participation of Italy in the Paris Exhibition of 1878.

The Pope has enriched the picture gallery of the Vatican by presenting a fine painting of the martyrdom of St. Pietro Arbues, by Murillo. The Duchess de Galliera has sent the Pope 1,000,000 lire (£40,000).

The Roman correspondent of the *Times* reports that the Italian Geographical Society has received letters from the Marchese Antinori announcing the safe arrival of his expedition at Lince. Its members met with a cordial reception from Menelik, King of Seida, who has given them quarters within the Ghebi, or Royal Inclosure. It appears that while traversing the territories of the Somali, on their way from Zeila to Fara, the travellers were in imminent danger of being assassinated by the Danakil, who conducted their caravan, from which they had to escape by flight and half naked, and they met with serious difficulty in passing the river Avase. Antinori will await at Lince the return of Captain Martini, and then proceed on his journey towards the Equatorial Lakes. Menelik has promised them every assistance.

SPAIN.

King Alfonso has been to Guadalajara to deliver the prizes to the successful competitors at the exhibition being held there. His Majesty delivered a speech, in which he expressed a desire to see all the provinces of Spain hold district exhibitions with a view to the development of the trade, commerce, and agriculture of Spain.

Marshal Concha has submitted a motion to the Senate with the object of bringing about a full discussion upon the present state of Cuba, and the employment of suitable means for pacifying that colony.

HOLLAND.

A fierce struggle has been carried on in the Second Chamber of the Parliament between the Conservatives and the Liberals on the Colonial question. The Government declare that they are agreed in their views in regard to the carrying out of the lands law in the Dutch Indies, and also the continuation of the coffee-planting by the Government.

The new harbour constructed at Harlingen will be opened next spring. Seagoing vessels will be able to go by canal as far as Leeuward, where very important cattle fairs are held.

The Government has at length received some news of the operations at Atchin. It is announced that Tandjong, Semantok, and Simpang-Olim, on the eastern coasts, have been occupied by the Dutch troops. It is added that the Rajah of Simpang-Olim will personally give in his submission to the Dutch authorities, and that the relations subsisting with Pedir are satisfactory.

GERMANY.

There was a Court dinner on Tuesday afternoon at the Emperor's palace. Covers were laid for thirty-three guests. Among those invited were the Ambassadors of England, Austria, Russia, France, and Italy, with their wives and military attachés, the Ministers Herr von Schleinitz and Herr von Bülow, and Field Marshal Count von Moltke.

At a meeting of the Cabinet Council on Saturday the Emperor William is stated to have minutely explained the reasons for and against Germany's participation in the Paris International Exhibition. All the Ministers are said to have voted against such participation.

Prince Bismarck has made his promised communication to the German Parliament on the Eastern Question. Replying, on Tuesday, to an interpellation respecting the Customs policy of Russia, he admitted that the country had entered on a wrong path, but declared his inability to exercise sufficient influence to induce her to take another. He proceeded to explain that Russia, which was asking for no great favours from Germany, did not aim at making great conquests, but only asked for the co-operation of Germany at the coming Conference with a view to improve the condition of the Christians in Turkey, a purpose to which the German Empire and nation would willingly lend a helping hand. That Germany would support that object was beyond all question. Should the Conference not lead to any results, warlike action on the part of Russia was probable. The alliance of the three Empires, he

remarked, continued to exist, and was entirely deserving of its name. The task of Germany, he added, was to maintain peace, to mediate between the Powers in order to dispel existing differences, and to localise a war which was, perhaps, inevitable.

By an Imperial decree, Jan. 10 next has been fixed for the new elections for the German Parliament.

The Imperial Ministry of Justice for the whole of Germany is to begin its functions on the 1st of next month. Dr. Friedberg is to be the chief of the department.

AUSTRO-HUNGARY.

The Austrian Minister of Commerce has placed before the Lower House of the Reichsrath several bills relating to the railway system of the empire, and stated that, if the members declared themselves in favour of the State assuming the administration of the lines, the Government would bring forward a measure with that object.

The two Austrian Ministers of Finance and of the Interior returned to Vienna, on Tuesday afternoon, from Pesth, without being able to come to an understanding with their Hungarian colleagues on the Bank question.

According to a telegram to the *Standard*, the Austrian Minister of Finance has concluded with the house of Rothschild and the groups connected with the Creditanstalt a loan of somewhat over 50,000,000 fl. at 4 per cent. It is to be paid in gold, and it is stated that the price is about 72 or 73.

At Pesth, on Tuesday, Sir Andrew Buchanan and Count Andrassy signed an agreement by which the treaty of commerce with England is prolonged to the end of 1877. A similar convention was concluded between the French Ambassador and Count Andrassy last week.

ROUMANIA.

The Government has ordered 80,000 Chassepots and the necessary ammunition of a Belgian house.

In the Chamber of Deputies, yesterday week, the Government asked for an extraordinary vote for the maintenance of the concentrated army until the end of the year.

On Monday the Senate gave its consent to the institution of judicial proceedings against those of the accused ex-Ministers who are Senators.

GREECE.

In the Chamber of Deputies, yesterday week, the bill imposing fresh taxation in order to complete the military preparations of the country was rejected. In consequence of this defeat the Ministers tendered their resignation to the King. M. Deligeorgis having declined the task of forming a new Ministry, the bill imposing fresh taxes for war purposes was again put to the vote, on Tuesday, in the Chamber of Deputies. The result was 82 against and 81 for the bill. The Cabinet, consequently, again tendered its resignation.

The High Court of Justice has given its decision on the impeachment of the Bulgarian Cabinet. The judgment declares that the ex-Ministers knowingly violated the Constitution, and caused laws to be illegally voted by an incomplete Parliament; but that, as the penal code does not make provision for such offences, the accused cannot be punished, and the Court contents itself with inflicting upon them a moral censure. They are declared not guilty upon the counts of the impeachment relative to the falsification of voting-papers and the usurpation of legislative power.

RUSSIA.

The Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolajewitch, Commander-in-Chief of the active army, left St. Petersburg, on Thursday week, by special train on the Nicolajeff Railway for Kischineff. He was accompanied by his son, the Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolajewitch. The Czarewitsch and Grand Duke Peter Nicolajewitch accompanied the departing Grand Dukes to the railway station. General Baron Bistrom, provisional commander of the district, presented the Grand Duke Nicholas on the part of the officers with a sacred picture, for which his Imperial Highness thanked them with great warmth. An enthusiastic reception is reported to have been given to him by the inhabitants of Moscow on his arrival at that city. A solemn blessing was bestowed by the Archimandrite, at the Monastery of Tevzka, on the Grand Duke and his staff. At the Kursk railway station a great crowd assembled to witness his departure. Telegrams of Tuesday's date from Kischineff announced the safe arrival there, at six o'clock that morning, of the Grand Duke, accompanied by the staff of the field departments. It is stated that an address from the Poles has been sent from Warsaw to the Emperor expressing their readiness to make any sacrifice to effect the liberation of the South Slavonic Christians. The news of war preparations gets thicker and thicker.

The *Russki Mir* has been suspended for a month on account of some articles which it has published on the composition of the army.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Times* telegraphs that the Russian exploring expedition to Mongolia under the direction of M. de Patnine has been stopped by the Chinese at Tultu. Upon M. Patnine declaring his intention to proceed, the Chinese authorities refused to guarantee his safety.

DENMARK.

The King has given his sanction to a two-months' prolongation of the present Session of the Rigsdag beyond the term prescribed by the Constitution. It will, therefore, continue to sit until Feb. 2.

SWEDEN.

The confirmation of the two younger sons of the King and Queen of Sweden, Princes Oscar and Carl, took place (the Copenhagen correspondent of the *Pall Mall Gazette* writes) in the Royal Chapel at Stockholm on Friday last, in the presence of the King and Queen, the Crown Prince, and all the highest military and civil authorities. The examination of the Princes in the Lutheran creed was conducted by Bishop Bring, who has prepared the Princes for this solemn occasion, while the confession of faith was given before Archbishop Sundberg, of Upsala, the Primate of Sweden, who also gave the final blessing. The ceremony lasted about two hours.

EGYPT.

Some important items of Egyptian news are telegraphed by the correspondent of the *Daily News* at Alexandria:—"Colonel Gordon has arrived at Cairo, after an absence in Equatorial Africa of three years. He was cordially received by the Khedive, and decorated with the grand cross of the Order of the Medjide. An official announcement is made of the payment to the new Public Debt Office in November of £571,000. General Marriott has been appointed Controller of the Egyptian railways, and Mr. Scrivener Director-General of the Customs.

An Alexandria telegram to the *Standard* says that, on the intercession of the English Consul-General, the Khedive has consented to set at liberty the King of Abyssinia's envoy.

AMERICA.

Congress was organised on Monday. Mr. Samuel J. Randall, the Democratic candidate for the Speakership of the House of Representatives, was elected by 161 votes to 82. Mr. Ferry remains President of the Senate. President Grant's annual message to Congress was presented on Tuesday. It contains an elaborate review of his course of

action during his term of office, in the course of which he admitted certain mistakes of his administration, but stated that they were errors of judgment solely, and not of interest. He remarks upon the cordial feeling shown by foreign nations in the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, from which he hopes that large benefits will result. In conclusion, he calls the attention of Congress to the necessity for providing further safeguards in the method of choosing and declaring the election of the President, and he intimates his willingness to support the disfranchisement of all voters in the future who, after a certain probation, cannot read and write the English language.

A haze of uncertainty still hangs over the Presidential election, although a telegram from New York declares that the States of Florida, South Carolina, and Louisiana being all given to Mr. Hayes, makes him President of the United States. A Committee has been appointed by the House of Representatives to investigate the circumstances of the elections in these three States.

A Reuter's telegram from Washington states that the Electoral Colleges met, on Wednesday, in their respective States, and cast their votes for the new President in accordance with the results heretofore announced, except in Oregon. In that State three Republican electors had been returned, but the Governor gave a certificate of election to two Republicans and one Democrat, in consequence of the alleged disability of the third Republican elector. This act, if legal, would give to Mr. Tilden, the Democratic candidate, 185 votes. The three Republican electors treated it as illegal, and, having met without certificates, they voted for Mr. Hayes, the Republican candidate.

The *Times'* correspondent at Philadelphia states that the American liner *Illinois* sailed with the entire balance of the British art collection from the Centennial Exhibition, including 250 paintings, water colours, engravings, and statuary; also a large quantity of goods belonging to the South Kensington, India, and Queensland Museums; also 100 cases of exhibitors' goods. Mr. Jopling, the fine-art superintendent, with seven of the British staff, sailed in charge.

A terrible calamity has occurred. The Brooklyn Theatre was destroyed by fire on Tuesday night. More than 200 bodies have been recovered from the ruins. Amongst the dead are two of the actors—Mr. Burrows and Mr. Murdock.

A church and eighty-nine houses have been destroyed by fire at New Orleans.

AUSTRALIA.

The Agent-General for South Australia has received advices from the Government in Adelaide, under date Dec. 1, reporting harvest favourably begun. In a previous telegram, dated Nov. 27, general rains are reported to have fallen.

INDIA.

The Indian papers contain little news of interest that has not been anticipated by the telegrams.

The *Times'* correspondent at Calcutta sends a long telegram, dated Dec. 3, from which we make the following extracts:—The Viceroy's visit to Peshawar has passed off well. He reviewed 4000 troops and held a durbar of all the chiefs of the British districts on the Peshawar frontier and met various chiefs of the Afreedee and Momund tribes. The Viceroy arrived at Rawul Pindie on Monday, at Lahore on Tuesday, and left Lahore on Friday for Mooltan, Bhawalpore, and Jacobabad. The Ameer of Cabul, who is recovering from a severe illness and is still very weak, is leaving Cabul for Jellalabad, owing to the prevalence of cholera at his capital. He sent a friendly greeting to the Viceroy. The Khan of Khelat arrived at Godava on the 21st, en route to meet the Viceroy at Jacobabad. The principal chiefs are also on their way to take part in the meeting. The preparations for the Delhi Assemblage are rapidly approaching completion. Holkar has established trial by jury in his dominions. A Mohammedan meeting of sympathy with the Turks was held, on Friday, in the Colootollah Mosque, Calcutta. It is stated that 10,000 persons were present, and, after prayers for the Queen and Sultan, the memorial to the Queen, which had been prepared by the committee, was read, adopted, and signed.

A great fire has occurred at Jeddo, in Japan, and part of the foreign settlement has been burnt down.

A revolution has broken out at Buenos Ayres, at which city a state of siege has been proclaimed.

The Emperor and Empress of Brazil have arrived at Jerusalem in good health, after a tour through Palestine.

The Boxer gun-vessel will leave England on the 11th inst., to join the squadron at the Cape of Good Hope and on the West Coast of Africa.

Sir T. F. Wade, the British Minister at the Chinese Court, left Peking on Thursday week, and was to embark at Shanghai for Europe last Saturday.

It is reported, says an Ottawa telegram of Monday's date, that British Columbia has complained to the Canadian and Home Governments of its defenceless condition in the event of war.

For talking about a palaver with the British Commodore, seven natives have been shot, by order of the King of Dahomey, and other outrages are reported to be of daily occurrence. The Whydahs have petitioned the Commodore for protection from the King. Troops are assembling in Whydah to attack Azooma, and an attack is expected on Grand Popo.

Advices from Cape Town to Nov. 7, and Madeira to Nov. 15, state that Sir Henry Barkly has protested, in a despatch to President Burgers, against the continuance of the war despite the remonstrances of her Majesty's Government, and against the employment of mercenaries paid by booty, and native allies who slaughter women and children; such barbarous examples being fraught with greater danger to the future of South Africa than anything her Majesty's Government can possibly have contemplated.

The St. Lawrence troop-ship, with five companies of the Buffs on board, has been wrecked off Paternoster Point, and the vessel is a total loss. All lives were saved. The soldiers were conveyed to Cape Town by the Active and the Spartan, which were sent to render assistance. Paternoster Point is not far from Dassen Island, where the Windsor Castle was recently lost.—The certificate of the captain of that vessel has been suspended for nine months, and that of the second officer for three months.

Mr. E. J. Reed, M.P., presented the prizes to the students of the science and art classes at Portsmouth on Wednesday night.

Alderman Tarpey has been unanimously elected Lord Mayor of Dublin for the ensuing year; and the elections have taken place in the other Irish municipalities with the following results:—Belfast, John Preston; Clonmel, Alderman Woods; Cork, Barry Sheehan; Derry, William Miller; Drogheda, Alderman Knaggs; Kilkenny, A. M'Mahon; Limerick, James Spaight; Sligo, Alderman Tighe; Waterford, Alderman Purcell; Wexford, J. J. Walsh.

THE CHURCH.

The Bishop of Exeter has formally surrendered the county of Cornwall as part of his diocese, and the issue of an Order in Council constituting the see of Truro may be soon expected.

Mr. Egerton Vernon Harcourt, Registrar of the diocese of York, has given £10,000 for the augmentation of poor livings in the diocese. He is the son of Archbishop Vernon Harcourt.

Lord Penzance, presiding in the Court of Arches, last Saturday, suspended for three months the Rev. Arthur Tooth, Vicar of St. James's, Hatcham, for persistence in Ritualistic practices after having been served with a monition.

Last Saturday the Bishop of London admitted two ladies to the office of Deaconess, who had passed through a year's training in the London Diocesan Deaconess Institution. They will work in two London parishes.

St. Bartholomew's, Manchester, has lately undergone considerable internal improvement. The old pulpit has given place to a less cumbersome structure, with suitable reading desks and lectern; and the whole edifice has been painted and coloured in simple style.

In presiding at the distribution of prizes to the children of the Croydon board school, on Tuesday, the Archbishop of Canterbury pointed out the duty of insisting upon instruction of a religious character being combined with the system of education carried out under the Act of 1870.

A meeting of the Committee for Promoting the Endowment of the See of St. Alban's was held yesterday week, the Bishop of Rochester in the chair. It was announced that the endowment of the see had now been secured, and that important steps were being towards the restoration of St. Alban's Abbey.

That portion of the East-End situate in the immediate vicinity of the Townhall, Poplar, was en fête on Tuesday morning, the occasion being a visit in semi-state by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs, for the purpose of opening a bazaar and fancy fair in the Townhall, of which the proceeds are to be used in clearing off the remaining debt upon the Church of St. Matthias, Poplar.

The company appointed for the revision of the authorised version of the Old Testament finished their forty-first session yesterday week, at the Jerusalem Chamber, and the revision was continued as far as Ezek. xlv. 14.—The New Testament company of revisers assembled, on Tuesday, in the Jerusalem Chamber, for their sixty-fifth session, and the company proceeded with the revision of the fourth chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews.

THE UNIVERSITIES AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

OXFORD.

Mr. John Cook Wilson, M.A., has been elected to a fellowship in Oriel College, tenable so long as he shall hold the office of lecturer in the college.

The examiners in the final mathematical school have issued the following class list:—Class 1. A. M. Nesbitt, Corpus Christi; J. Pritchett, Balliol; A. J. O. Shepherd, Queen's. Class 2. H. B. Jupp, Magdalen; A. Lewis, Queen's. Class 3. H. L. Orchard, Pembroke; E. L. Treffry, Magdalen. Class 4. W. R. Bradley, Balliol.

The Examiners in the Honour School of Jurisprudence have published the following Class List:—

Class 1. Cobbett, W. P., University; Ferguson, D., Balliol; Wright, H. L., New. Class 2. Andrew, W. R. St. C. Exeter; Cardwell, A. M., Christ Church; Corbett, C. J. H., New; Hardy, O. H., and Phillimore, W. P. W., Queen's; Stanton, J. D., Exeter. Class 3. Bailey, J. L., and Brandt, R. F. G., Exeter; Corbett, E. K., Balliol. Class 4. Broughton, A. O., Lincoln; Harding, J. J., Magdalen; Pyemont, L. O. P., Worcester.

The following elections have been held at Balliol College:—To a Mathematical Scholarship.—Mr. A. J. F. Adams, City of London School. Mr. W. B. St. Quentin was distinguished in the examination. To Minor Exhibitions.—Mr. F. A. Vines, Commoner of Balliol College; Mr. G. Squire, unattached student; Mr. J. T. Cunningham, St. Olave's School, Southwark; Mr. G. S. Edwards, Commoner of Balliol College.

The following elections to Scholarships have been made at Wadham College:—O. W. Jones, from the Friars' School, Bangor; A. P. Moore, from Radley College; F. W. Paul, from King Edward VI.'s School, Macclesfield; A. E. Holme, from Manchester School. Exhibitions have been awarded to A. S. Geden, from Manchester School; W. P. Perry, from Merchant Taylors' School; J. N. Swann, from Repton School; H. R. Woolrych, from Rossall School; and G. F. Colborne, from Felstead Grammar School.

The following have been elected to scholarships at Hertford College:—Open Classical Scholarships.—R. W. Cracroft, Corpus (late of Rugby); J. Dean, Keble (late King's School, Canterbury). Founder's Kin Scholarship (open *pro hac vice*).—W. Dawson, Marlborough College. Open Mathematical Scholarship.—H. W. Disney, Christ's College, Finchley. Scholarship limited to Harrow.—C. H. Hodgson. Scholarship limited to sons of former Fellows of Brasenose.—T. Simcox Lea, Brasenose (late Haileybury). Lusby Scholarship.—E. A. Arnold, Corpus (late of Eton). Macbride Scholarship.—A. S. Menzies, Haileybury. All these scholarships, with the exception of the Lusby and Macbride (which belong to the old foundation of Magdalen Hall), have been founded by Mr. Baring, and are of the annual value of £100 for five years. This represents (at 3 per cent) a capital sum of £100,000; a noble benefaction, says the *Guardian*, even in this age of millionaires.

CAMBRIDGE.

On the nomination of the Master and Fellows of Jesus, the Bishop of Ely has appointed Mr. J. H. H. Goodwin to a fellowship at that college. Mr. Goodwin was Tenth Wrangler in the Tripos of this year.

At Trinity College the Vidal Undergraduate Prize for proficiency in French has been adjudged to J. T. Law.

The Syndicate conducting the higher local examinations have presented a report on the examinations held in June at nine centres, with tables showing the general success and failure of the 350 candidates in the various classes, and copious extracts from the reports of the examiners.

DUBLIN.

The Senate met on Thursday week.—Sir J. Napier, as Vice-Chancellor, presiding. It was agreed to confer the honorary degree of LL.D. on Sir R. Barry, Chief Justice of Victoria, who has rendered important services to the University of Melbourne. The statute relating to the degree of B.D. was finally passed, and the usual formal addresses to the outgoing and incoming Viceroy were adopted.

At the recent moderatorship examinations at Trinity College, Dublin, the following were elected Students for 1876:—Mathematical—Ralph, Roberts (Sch.); Classical—Malcolm, Montgomery (Sch.).

Last week another meeting of the committee appointed to consider the question of establishing a Welsh University, in the interest of the Church, was held at Shrewsbury.

The Glasgow Students' Independent Association has adopted Mr. Robert Browning as their candidate for the Lord Rectorship of the University at the next session.

The Theological Department of King's College, London, has been affiliated to the University of Durham, on the same terms as those on which St. Aidan's, St. Bees, Lichfield, and Queen's College, Birmingham, have already been affiliated.

Mr. Braithwaite Arnett, M.A., St. John's College, Cambridge, Head Master of the Truro Grammar School, and author of "Mathematical Formulae and Notes" and "Recent Civil Service Examination Papers, with Answers," has been elected Head Master of Crewkerne Grammar School.

H.M.S. SHAH.

This vessel, which has at length completed the official trials of her engines and speed in a satisfactory manner, will shortly relieve H.M.S. *Repulse* as flagship on the Pacific station. She was originally laid down as the *Blonde*, but was re-named the *Shah* while building, upon the occasion of the visit of his Persian Majesty to this country in 1873. She was built, at Portsmouth, of iron cased with wood, from designs supplied by the Committee of Naval Construction at the Admiralty. She is 340 ft. long and 51 ft. broad. Her tonnage is 6040 tons. She has engines of 1000-horse power (nominal). The armament consists of twenty-six guns, sixteen of which are seven-pounders, carried in her broadside, between decks; and the remainder on the upper deck. Of these, two twelve-ton guns are placed in the head and stern batteries, the recessed ports of which enable the guns to be fired on the line of the keel; and there are also eight 64-pounders, converted guns, on the upper deck. The engines have been supplied by Messrs. Ravenhill and Co., and are on their "return connecting-rod" principle. They are of 116 in. diameter of piston (the largest made), with 4 ft. stroke. The propeller is of the Hirsch pattern, a kind generally adopted in the Russian and German navies, and being rapidly supplied to our own fleet.

Some of the science lectures given at South Kensington are being published in a cheap form by Macmillan and Co.

The Bristol Town Council has resolved to buy the Cliff House Estate, near the city, for about £7000, with the object of using it for receiving the sewage of the city.

The first meeting of the newly-elected School Board for Manchester was held on Monday. Mr. Herbert Birley was re-elected chairman and Mr. Dale vice-chairman.

The fourth annual prize competition of poultry, pigeons, and cage birds was held at Canterbury on Wednesday. Nine silver cups and money prizes were awarded.

The *London Gazette* announces that the Queen has appointed Captain Nares to be an extra member of the civil division of the second class or Knights Commanders of the Order of the Bath.

Lord Claud Hamilton, M.P., presided at a meeting of district visitors and others interested in the welfare of the poor, held at Townshend-buildings, Vincent-square, on Wednesday, and remarked upon the necessity of an improved organisation of the existing appliances of charity. A paper was read on the subject by the Rev. Brooke Lambert.

The silver medal of the Board of Trade has been awarded to Major Elyard, of the 2nd Regiment Royal Surrey Militia, in recognition of the gallantry displayed by him at the wreck of the *Frankshaw* and the *Lion*, off Broadstairs. Major Elyard has formed part of the crew of the Broadstairs life-boat on eighteen different occasions, and has been instrumental in saving altogether forty-nine lives of shipwrecked sailors.

The Duke of Abercorn, as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, held his farewell undress levee at Dublin Castle on Tuesday. In replying to an address from the Dublin Corporation, his Grace said that it was only the state of the Duchess's health which had caused his resignation. His Excellency left Dublin Castle on Wednesday morning. The streets were lined by the 60th Rifles, under the command of the Duke of Connaught, and crowds assembled to witness the departure. He left Kingstown Harbour at two o'clock by special mail-steamer for London.

The Birmingham Town Council discussed on Tuesday the question whether or not any houses for the sale of intoxicating drinks should be allowed on the "improved area" which will be reconstructed under the Artisans' Dwellings Act. Mr. Chamberlain pointed out that the exclusion of licensed houses would entail a loss of £100,000 "for the benefit of the remaining publicans." The number of licensed houses in the new area would be reduced and the quality improved, and a very stringent regulation had been introduced into the new leases. The motion to exclude public-houses from the area was lost.

At the first meeting of the Birmingham School Board, on Thursday afternoon, Mr. George Dixon was elected chairman, and Mr. J. S. Wright vice-chairman. Mr. Greening gave notice that at the next meeting he should call attention to the exclusion of the Bible from the board schools. Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, M.P., who declined re-election, has presented the board with £500 for board-school scholarships, and £25 a year for the Midland Institute of Sir Josiah Mason's College. Mr. J. S. Wright, vice-chairman of the board, will give £20 a year for three years towards the same object.

The inhabitants of Portsmouth, yesterday week, entertained the crews of the Arctic exploring vessels, *Alert*, *Discovery*, and *Pandora*, at a public dinner, over which the Mayor of the town presided. The ships *Alert* and *Discovery* were paid off at Portsmouth, on Tuesday morning, and placed in the first-class division of the Steam Reserve. The men on receiving their money proceeded on six weeks' leave of absence.—The crews were entertained at dinner, the same evening, by the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House. The men, eighty-six in number, were under the command of Lieutenant Fulford, of the *Discovery*, and Lieutenant Giffard, of the *Alert*. They travelled to London from Portsmouth by the Brighton line, the whole cost of the journey there and back being defrayed by the Lord Mayor; and they were brought from the station to the Mansion House in private omnibuses. After the toast of "The Queen" had been drunk, the Lord Mayor presented each of the seamen with an ounce of tobacco and a briar pipe. During the evening several of the men sang characteristic songs, and danced the sailor's hornpipe and other naval dances. The proceedings closed about nine o'clock with a hearty round of cheers for the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

An address has been sent by the Manchester Chamber of Commerce to similar bodies in France, and to the French people, in which attention is drawn to the fact that the time is approaching when the Governments of France and of the United Kingdom will be called upon to discuss the Treaty of Commerce of 1860, which was made for a limited number of years. That the Treaty has been of great benefit to the two countries is, it is contended, beyond dispute. The chamber seeks not to meddle with the commercial policy of any other country beyond attempting to show by precept and example that Great Britain relies on the policy of free trade, and will ever adhere to the principle of opening her ports to the ships of all nations and of subjecting her industries to the widest competition.



H.M.S. SHAH, WOOD-CASED IRON SHIP OF WAR.



MARGARET IN PRISON. BY A. VON KRELING.

GOETHE'S "FAUST" ILLUSTRATED.

A magnificent artistic edition of the most unique work of genius in the poetical literature of Germany has just been published, at once in the German and in the English language. This lyrical drama, which is also a philosophical allegory, composed by Goethe at intervals, during his long life-experience of wide and various studies and of social intercourse with the world, is still imperfectly understood by many general readers. It derives nothing more than an occasional starting-point, with the merely fantastic notion of a personal compact between Faust and the Devil, from that wild fable of the sixteenth century which had been dealt with by Christopher Marlowe, by Lessing, and by other preceding authors. The Faust of Goethe is only represented as a brain-wearied and heart-despairing professor or student of science, practically a highly-refined atheist and the miserable victim of infidelity, in the first act of this drama, which we consider its most valuable part. Next arises, from the ground of incidents which have but slight and general connection with that first idea of the character, a deeply pathetic story of the unhappy seduction of an innocent girl, by the selfish villany of a Byronic hero, also called Faust, yet bearing no resemblance whatever to the original Faust, who was spoiled by the godless and faithless pursuit of knowledge for the sake of intellectual power. The new Faust is an idle, vain, incontinent voluptuary, the slave of base passions and of carnal appetites, who has nothing but his egotism in common with the former personage under that name. His attendant spirit, a temporary servant who is, by their sealed bargain, hereafter to become his eternal master, is simply the true Devil of mankind in all ages, personifying the temptation to employ cunning intelligence, in various unprincipled ways, for the gratification of Self. This is Mephistopheles, who contrives the means by which Faust overcomes the maiden virtue of poor Margaret. And Shakespeare himself has not drawn a more truthful picture of humanity in its fall; of the primary moral error and its consequences; of the ruined life and the deserved remorse, the unequal worldly penalty on the weaker sex, the worse torments of avenging conscience in the other. This story has been made perhaps but too familiar, in the unworthy form which it has taken in the action of Gounod's opera, to minds that have scarcely been led to reflect upon its terrible moral import; and we have no disposition to enlarge upon it here. Margaret has a fit of insanity in the hour of childbirth, which causes her to kill her new-born babe, and she is condemned to death for the crime.

It is a prison scene, with the officers of justice conducting Margaret to this dreadful doom, that Herr von Kreling has depicted in the fine painting copied for one of our Engravings, which is also presented in one of the photographs in the new illustrated edition of "Faust." We need not go any farther than this scene in our remarks upon the singularly complex work of Goethe, which passes immediately afterwards into quite a different phase. It plunges onward, abruptly leaving the story of Margaret, and ranging through a boundless dance of allegorical and mythological figures, antique and classical, or mediæval and romantic, Helen of Troy and the Mater Gloriosa, to finish with the *Ewig-Weibliche*, or deification of pure moral grace in womanhood, which was Goethe's ultimate object of worship, as it was that of Auguste Comte. The effect is rather fascinating, and delightful to sentiment and taste, than satisfactory to the reason and the higher moral affections. It is like a very superior extravaganza, with the warbling of sweet songs, and no end of fancy costumes and brilliant transformation scenes, upon the stage of an operatic theatre.

Above twenty translations of Goethe's "Faust," at least of Part I., which ends with Margaret's prison scene, have been published in our own language. Not the least meritorious, in our judgment, is that of Mr. Lewis Filmore; but Mr. A. Hayward, Mr. Bayard Taylor, the Rev. C. Kegan Paul, and Mr. Theodore Martin, have each done well in this very difficult literary task. It is the version of Mr. Theodore Martin which is now brought out, by Mr. Frederick Bruckmann, of Southampton-street, Strand, in the most splendid publication, for typography and material, for the illustrations, the ornament and decoration, both inside and outside of the volume, we have lately beheld. The paper, in double crown folio, is as fine, the printing as grand, as in any book that goes to press; there are nearly eighty wood-engravings, of very good design, and fourteen permanent photographs, of page size, from the oil-paintings of the late Professor A. von Kreling. He was an esteemed pupil of Kaulbach, and held the office of Director of the Academy of Arts at Nuremberg till his death, early in this year. Our Engraving is copied from one of the photographs in Mr. Bruckmann's publication. The work may be had either in Theodore Martin's English verse or in Goethe's German, as the reader may choose. It is superbly bound in two different styles—the one in crimson cloth, with morocco back; the other in full morocco, with medallions of oxidised silver, displaying six character-portraits and beautiful devices of Gothic ornamentation. The whole is a rich and rather costly gift for any person of elegant literary taste.

LAW AND POLICE.

Mr. Clode has been appointed Legal Secretary to the War Office. The appointment carries out the recommendation of a committee on the legal business of the Crown, of which the Right Hon. the Master of the Rolls was the chairman and the late Mr. Justice Archibald a member.

Colonel Bruce has been appointed Deputy Inspector-General of the Irish Constabulary, in the room of Colonel Hillier, appointed Inspector-General; and Mr. Fanning, County Inspector, Londonderry, has been appointed Assistant Deputy Inspector.

The Court of Appeal was called upon, last Saturday, to say whether a man could be considered the eldest son when his father and three elder brothers were dead. The case arose out of the will of a Northumbrian gentleman named Errington, made early in the century, by which his estates were bequeathed to the younger sons of a Cheshire Baronet named Stanley, on the condition that if the son holding such estate became the eldest son, the estate should pass to the next brother, and that, finally, it should revert to the testator's own heirs. When the youngest son took the estate the testator's heirs claimed the possession. The Master of the Rolls had decided in their favour. In the Court above two Judges considered that a man could not become eldest son after his father's death, and when he had no younger brothers. The third Judge agreed with the Master of the Rolls. Sir John Stanley Errington therefore retains the estate.

A case involving the question of dramatic copyright has been pending in the law courts for several years. Mr. Chatterton was the plaintiff, and he proceeded against Mr. Cave, the lessee of a theatre, for copying scenes in his version of the "Wandering Jew." Both plays were taken from a French drama and Sue's story, and it was not denied that two scenes in Mr.

Cave's play were identical with two in Mr. Chatterton's. In the Court of Appeal it has been decided that these scenes were not material parts of the plaintiff's play, and that there must be an infringement of a substantial and material portion of a work in order to constitute an infringement of copyright.

In the Chancery Division, on Tuesday, a case of disputed copyright in regard to a song was heard by the Master of the Rolls. In 1868 the words and music of the song in question were written and composed by a Mr. Champion, and left by him for publication with Messrs. Duff and Stewart, without, as he states, any agreement as to terms being entered into. Subsequently Mr. Champion regularly assigned the copyright of the song to another publisher, whose right to the property was contested by Messrs. Duff and Stewart. The Master of the Rolls held that, the latter firm not having a written assignment of the song, had no copyright in it, and gave judgment against them accordingly, with costs.

Mr. Albert Grant, having, by written notification, abandoned his action against the Crédit Foncier of England Company, has been ordered by the Master of the Rolls to pay the costs of the suit.

In the Rolls Court, on Monday, the case of "Locke v. Grant" came before Sir George Jessel. The plaintiff, who sued on behalf of himself and the other holders of A debentures issued by the Devon and Somerset Railway Company, asked for an injunction to restrain Mr. Albert Grant, who is the holder of a Lloyd's bond to the amount of £10,000, from carrying into execution a judgment which he had obtained against the company for about £1200, being the amount of interest due on that bond. The injunction was granted, and Mr. Grant was ordered to pay the plaintiff's costs.

In the Exchequer Division, on Monday, Mr. George Lewis, solicitor, sought to recover damages for slander alleged to have been uttered by Mr. Napier Higgins, Q.C., at the hearing, before Vice-Chancellor Malins in April last, of the case "Ex parte O'Hagan." The allegation complained of was that Mr. Lewis had been a party to a criminal prosecution of Mr. O'Hagan "for the purpose of extorting a financial and money result," and that such a course of proceeding was "worse than highway robbery." The defence was that the words complained of had been used by the learned counsel in the course of his duty as an advocate at the Bar. The Lord Chief Baron ruled that the law prevented him from entering into any question as to language used by counsel before a judge and in a court of justice, and he directed a nonsuit to be entered.

The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company were the defendants, at the Manchester Assizes, yesterday week, in two cases in which compensation was claimed for personal injuries arising out of the accident at Salford, on April 25, when an engine ran into an express-train from Manchester to Bolton. Mr. Sewell, agent in the Liverpool cotton-trade and borough auditor of Bolton, was awarded £425. Mr. John Kirk, traveller for paper manufacturers at Manchester, whose injuries were more serious, received £1000.

Vice-Chancellor Little gave judgment, on Tuesday, in the Chancery Court of the County Palatine of Lancaster in a suit instituted against Sir Edmund Buckley, Bart., M.P., and others, for alleged breach of trust and misappropriation of trust funds. The defendants were trustees under the will of the late Edmund Buckley, of Manchester, on behalf of certain persons who were plaintiffs in the suit. In the bill which they filed, the plaintiffs charged the trustees with neglect of duty, and they prayed for the removal of Sir Edmund Buckley and another trustee, named Smith. It was alleged that there had been a misappropriation of trust money to the amount of £180,000. The Vice-Chancellor, in giving judgment, said the bill as against two of the defendants, Jervis and Mallahan, must be dismissed with costs, and an ordinary decree only would be made as to Mr. Rushton. Mr. Smith had acted imprudently, but honourably, and must be acquitted in the fullest manner, but he should not continue to act as trustee. As regarded Sir Edmund Buckley, there was really no defence. It was quite clear, in fact, that he admitted that he had been guilty of the grossest possible breaches of trust, and there would be a decree against him for account and for his removal from the office of trustee.

The Home Secretary has informed the Exeter Chamber of Commerce that her Majesty's Government consider that the balance of opinion in the county is in favour of retaining the assizes at Exeter, and they do not therefore propose to advise her Majesty to interfere with the existing state of things.

Mr. Serjeant Cox, presiding at the Middlesex Sessions on Tuesday, tried a case in which three young men, named respectively Jones, Phelan, and Ridler, were charged with having stolen £3, belonging to the Hospital Saturday Fund. They were found guilty and sentenced—Ridler and Phelan (who had been previously convicted) to eighteen, and Jones to nine months' imprisonment, with hard labour. At the same sessions Thomas Harris, a ticket-of-leave man, who, since his first conviction in 1848, has spent twenty years in prison, was sentenced to eight years' penal servitude for stealing a brass plate from a house in the Edgware-road. On Wednesday Henry Stephens was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for stealing a watch and other articles; Thomas Crew was, for wounding another man, ordered to be imprisoned for eighteen months; and for obtaining money by false pretences, John Lee, a draper, was also sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment.

Frederick G. Splitgerber, described as a general dealer, of Camden Town, was, on Wednesday, indicted at the Surrey Sessions on a charge of having obtained 700 yards and upwards of silk from a warehouse in the City, by means of false pretences. It was stated that the prisoner was one of a gang of swindlers. He was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

Henri Dieudonne de Tourville, barrister-at-law, charged under an extradition warrant with the murder of his wife, by pushing her over a precipice whilst on an excursion in the Austrian Tyrol, in July last, was, on Wednesday, placed at the bar at Bow-street and finally committed to the House of Detention, there to await the order of the Secretary of State for his surrender to the Austrian Government.

Frank Winder, Henry Yates, and Gerard Denolf were, on Tuesday, committed for trial at Bow-street, charged with riotous behaviour at the Promenade Concerts, Covent-Garden Theatre. Bail was accepted.

An attempt to break into the St. Pancras Vestry Hall, early on Tuesday morning, was frustrated by the police. A sergeant was shot in the knee, and the intending burglars escaped.

A fine of 5s., with 2s. costs, has been inflicted, at Hammer-smith, on Henry Bunker, for driving a bicycle on the footpath in Ladbroke-grove, Notting-hill.

Benjamin Dickinson, master of a Shoreham collier, was, on Tuesday, fined £10, at Brighton, for using signals of distress when only in need of a pilot, thus causing the Coast Guard to put off in their boat to his assistance during a heavy gale.

ILLUSTRATED CHRISTMAS BOOKS.

This season gives birth to many of the attractive volumes, filled with entertaining fiction, poetry, or intellectual gossip, adorned with engravings or photographs, and outwardly decorated with pretty bindings, which are reputed to be fitting complimentary gifts. Some of these were noticed by us three weeks ago, along with the minor publications, mostly for juvenile readers, sent forth in considerable batches from several houses of the popular caterers of this sedentary amusement for boys and girls in the long winter evenings at home. It is time to deal with a few more of the Christmas literary candidates for public favour; but their multitude will not allow us to devote more than a brief notice to each particular work.

In the first place, however, two or three works demand our attention which are not of a literary, but of an artistic character. A thin oblong volume, delicately bound in white and gold, of very elegant design, bears the title *Shikare and Tomasha*, and is published by Mr. W. H. Thompson, of Cockspur-street. Our Special Artist lately in India, Mr. W. Simpson, and the other correspondents of London newspapers who made the same tour, have left us no excuse for ignorance of the meaning of those two Hindostanee words. "Shikare" means hunting, and "Tomasha," here misprinted "Tomasha," means festival; the subjects of these twelve photographs are striking incidents of the Prince of Wales's visit to India. They are not taken immediately from nature, but from some of Mr. Simpson's drawings, those in black and white, which were exhibited by him in May and June along with his water-colour drawings, at the Burlington Gallery, Piccadilly. The Prince and Princess of Wales came to see his exhibition, and purchased a number of the drawings, twelve of which, by permission of his Royal Highness, are here photographed. We will simply enumerate them, and our readers will no doubt recollect the corresponding appearance of the Engravings in this Journal during the early months of the present year:—The Prince of Wales Meeting Sir Jung Bahadur; Crossing a Nullah in the Terai; Chased by a Wild Elephant; Beating the Jungle in the Terai; Shooting a Bear at Sower Sote; Tiffin in the Jungle in the Terai; Preparing to Receive the Wild Elephant after Tiffin; Charged by a Tiger in the Terai; Reception at Calcutta; Arrival at Agra; Entrance into Jeypore; Receiving the Survivors of Lucknow. These, and a hundred others by Mr. Simpson, have been highly approved and admired.

The Holbein Society have issued one of their facsimile reprints; being that of forty wood engravings, by Albrecht Altdorfer, of Ratisbon, a series representing *The Fall of Man*. They belong to the school of Albrecht Dürer, of Nuremberg, whose apprentice he is said to have been; and the biographical memoir, by Mr. W. B. Scott, may interest those who care for the history of art. Mr. Alfred Aspland is the Editor of this series, as of other publications of the Holbein Society.

The third part, consisting of St. Luke's Gospel, of M. Bida's noble etchings, designed as illustrations of *The Four Gospels*, is published by Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston, Searle, and Rivington. It contains forty plates of folio size. The most successful of them, in our judgment, are those in which there is a grouping of many figures, with incidental action or gestures, and with some architectural details—as in the "Departure" and "Return" of the "Prodigal Son," and the arrival of the "Good Samaritan" at the Inn. Those which have the form of Our Lord for their principal figure are not equally satisfactory; the one that pleases us best is that of the "Raising the Widow's Son." But it is probable that there will be a diversity of opinions with regard to this question of the ideal truthfulness of M. Bida's representation of that sacred subject. His conception of "The Pharisee and the Publican" has much force of characterisation. The landscape scenery, in general, is too rugged and gloomy for Palestine as it was in that age, from the descriptions we have of its ancient fertility and cultivation.

We must reserve for more leisurely perusal the important volume, illustrated with many lithographs and wood engravings, in which Mr. J. T. Wood describes his valuable antiquarian and topographical *Discoveries at Ephesus* (Longmans, Green, and Co.). Our readers are well aware of the laborious and self-sacrificing efforts of that gentleman, during nearly eleven years, at a total cost of £16,000, aided by the trustees of the British Museum. He has succeeded in ascertaining the site and plan of the Great Temple of Diana, which must ever be an interesting edifice from its connection with the history of St. Paul; and he has obtained a large collection of relics of magnificent Greek sculpture and architecture, with much precise information concerning one of the richest and busiest commercial cities of the Greco-Roman world. The illustrations, at which only we have yet glanced, are from original drawings and photographs, and are well executed, making this book a fitting record of such matters as belong to the domain of the fine arts, as well as to archaeological study.

A portrait-book, of much originality and popular interest, suitable to be laid on the drawing-room table, is Part I. of *English Celebrities of the Nineteenth Century*, published by Messrs. Hughes and Edmonds, Chapside. Its design, to the best of our recollection, is quite novel; it presents, by photography from approved former portraits, separate groups of about a dozen eminent contemporaries, in each instance, belonging to the same class of distinguished public men, as politicians, orators, authors, artists, or philosophers, including some now dead with those still living. The Conservative statesmen form one group, which comprises most of Lord Beaconsfield's Cabinet; while Mr. Gladstone, in the second plate, sits with Mr. Bright and his other Liberal friends. In the party of authors and novelists, we have Thackeray and Dickens, Carlyle, Lord Macaulay, the late Lord Lytton, Messrs. Anthony Trollope, Wilkie Collins, J. A. Froude, and George MacDonald; another group consists of Charles Lamb, John Stuart Mill, Kingsley, Ruskin, Mr. Herbert Spencer, and Mr. Darwin. The natural philosophers are Sir D. Brewster, Sir C. Wheatstone, Professors Faraday, Tyndall, and Huxley; the artists include Wilkie, Turner, and Landseer, with Millais, Frith, and Holman Hunt. We cannot say that all the portraits are equally good, but the grouping is very well managed. The Royal Family, represented by the Queen and the Prince of Wales, with two of his children, appear on the cover, protected by a glass.—Along with this publication, we will mention the *National Portrait Gallery* (Cassell, Petter, and Galpin), the second series of which has been completed. Its lithographed and tinted portraits are twenty in number, amongst which are those of Tennyson, Dean Stanley, Mr. Spurgeon, Lord Salisbury, Mr. Forster, the Duke of Sutherland, and several leading politicians of both parties, with sufficiently ample memoirs of their public lives.

The labour of love which Mrs. H. R. Haweis has performed in her *Chaucer for Children* (Chatto and Windus, publishers) should not prove labour lost. But we can scarcely be confident of its acceptance in popular favour, since the literary plan of setting Chaucer's antiquated text over against a modernised paraphrase, in rather feeble verse, is unlikely to please

children. Mrs. Haweis does better in her drawings for the eight coloured pictures, which show us the Canterbury Pilgrims starting from the Tabard, the fair Emily, the patient Griselda, and other figures of those famous old tales. This volume is adorned, too, with many small woodcuts.

As for the new productions of sportive fancy, which may be looked for in the holiday season, there is an ample supply. Fairy tales and stories of miracle or enchantment are not yet stifled by the sober realities of our day. Witness the series of innocent little fictions, by Mary de Morgan, called *On a Pin-cushion*, with others, much in Hans Andersen's vein, the illustrations drawn by William de Morgan (Seeley and Co.). Or take *Johnnykin and the Goblins*, by Charles G. Leland (publisher, Macmillan), which seems rather to follow the lead of "Alice in Wonderland;" it is cleverly illustrated by the author's own pencil. But we greatly prefer *Carrots*, by Ennis Graham (same publisher), which is a charming, natural, truthful story of a dear little boy, how he really felt, and thought, and behaved in the first years of his life. It is almost as good as Mr. H. Rutherford Russell's delightful "Tom." *The Little King* (Sampson Low and Co.) is a translation from the French of S. Blandy; it relates the experiences of children in a Russian family, with a French governess and an English tutor. *Public and Private Life of Animals* is also a translation or adaptation from the French of many popular authors, compiled with much skill by Mr. J. Thomson. It is for the most part extremely clever, satirical, and amusing; but those who do not happen to be familiar with the original sketches of the French writers may desire more precise information about them. In *The Rose and the Lily* (Chatto and Windus) Mrs. Octavian Blewitt utters a pretty parable of the virtues of Christian peace and charity, with a mythical history of the way in which those two fair flowers became the emblems of England and France. *Annie's Pantomime Dream*, by Ellis J. Davis (A. H. Moxon, publisher), is very good funny nonsense, which reminds us, once more, of Mr. Lewis Carroll's celebrated "Alice." Another translation from the French, by Mrs. Sale Barker, is *Memoirs of a Poodle* (Routledge); but the dog is too fond of moralising for a creature of that species, if not for one of ours. Mrs. Sale Barker has written a little book of her own, called *Lily's Screen*, which most children will like a great deal better. It contains an endless variety of picture-scrapes, and scraps of talk about the subjects of them, with which some young people are entertained while they paste a quantity of cut engravings all over the old drawing-room screen. *My Godmother's Stories from Many Lands*, by Mrs. T. K. Hervey (publisher, B. Washbourne) is suitable for boys and girls of ten or twelve years, and is capable of teaching them not a few wholesome truths in an agreeable but really impressive manner.

The new edition of our old friend, *The Boy's Own Book* (Crosby Lockwood and Co.) has some valuable enlargements and improvements, containing the modern system of scientific gymnastics, the present rules of cricket and football, the American game of base ball, the Canadian La Crosse, lawn tennis and Badminton, with fresh matter concerning the velocipede, canoeing, sea-fishing, the aquarium, and many indoor pastimes. The old riddles are omitted, as many were growing stale. Mrs. Valentine's *Home Book for Young Ladies* (F. Warne and Co.) is a complete guide to every kind of pastime and light graceful work that can afford harmless occupation to girls, either in the house or on the garden lawn. Each particular subject is explained by a competent special writer; and the entire book, since it was originally published, ten years ago, has undergone a well-proportioned development, now reaching the standard of completeness. One portion of its former contents, more suited to the wants and tastes of the very young ladies, will henceforth appear as *The Little Girl's Home Book*, in a separate form.

The title of Mr. Robert Routledge's book, *Science in Sport Made Philosophy in Earnest* (G. Routledge and Sons) is not quite identical with that of the old book, "Philosophy in Sport made Science in Earnest," written by Dr. Paris half a century ago. Whatever may have become of philosophy since that time, physical science has made a notable advance. It is more than ever desirable that young persons should be led to feel an interest in the laws and forces which rule the material universe. We are not so sure, however, that the old fashion of imparting sound and serious knowledge in a set of imaginary conversations, between the learned elders and the inquiring boys and girls, is likely now to be so acceptable as it was formerly supposed to be. Mr. Seymour, of Overton Lodge, is nevertheless still intent upon doing his best to acquaint Tom and Louisa, and their younger companions, with the principles of mechanics, pneumatics, acoustics, optics, and other branches of physics. The characters and incidents of domestic life here introduced have been so altered by Mr. Robert Routledge as to make this narrative setting of the scientific lessons much more attractive to a juvenile reader. We have a pleasant recollection of Miss Edgeworth's "Harry and Lucy" as a work upon the same plan, which equally deserves to be republished.

Every boy ought to be made fond of natural history, if possible; and we recommend *The Swan and her Crew* (F. Warne and Co.) as a capital vehicle of pleasing information upon the animal species—birds, fishes, reptiles, and insects—to be found in the "broads" and rivers of Norfolk. The author, Mr. G. Christopher Davies, is favourably known by his "Mountain, Meadow, and Mere," his "Angling Idylls," and "Rambles of our School Field Club." The adventures of these clever boys, Frank, Dick, and Jimmy, navigating the waters of the Yare, the Bure, and Waveney, with all their spacious lagoons, to explore the varieties of life existing there, will be likely to interest the reader, young or old. Many a grown-up Englishman knows little or nothing of that singular region of our native land, though he may have travelled by railway to Yarmouth, or to other towns on the east coast.

Mr. W. H. G. Kingston, one of the most accomplished writers for boyish readers, has done a good piece of work in his *Popular History of the British Navy* (Gall and Inglis); but it is a concise, though lively and interesting, summary of historical events, rather than a mere book of entertainment. The new edition (Bickers and Son) of Southey's *Life of Nelson* is adorned with twelve illustrations by Westall, printed by the Woodbury process, and is furnished with useful plans of the naval battles, the whole making a perfectly satisfactory volume. Mr. Kingston again provides most congenial food for the youthful mind in a story of India, called *The Young Rajah*, with a judicious mixture of tiger and sepoy fighting, illustrated by some very spirited engravings. In another of his picturesque narratives, *Snow-Shoes and Canoes* (Sampson Low, publisher), the same ubiquitous story-teller relates the adventures of a Hudson's Bay Company's fur-trader in North America. This book is likewise furnished with numerous illustrations. Two volumes of Jules Verne's *Voyage Round the World* (Routledge) are devoted respectively to Australia and New Zealand; but we rather prefer Mr. Kingston to Jules Verne.

The fourth and concluding volume of Messrs. Cassell, Petter, and Galpin's *Old and New London* (Illustrated) has now

appeared. It is written by Mr. Edward Walford, who succeeded the late Mr. Thornbury in the performance of this task. The portion of London included in these chapters of historical and biographical anecdote is not the least interesting, as it will, perhaps, be more familiar to most of his readers than any other, except the City, Fleet-street, and the Strand. It comprises Westminster, Pall-mall, Regent-street, and Piccadilly, with Hyde Park; also the length of Oxford-street, with Bloomsbury, and the whole Bedford-square and Russell-square district. The numerous wood-cuts, many of them copied from rare old prints, enliven these pages, and give an air of reality to the antiquarian perambulation. Messrs. Cassell and Co. are likewise making steady progress with several other illustrated publications. *Picturesque Europe* displays, in its first volume, some of the most interesting scenery of England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, in thirteen fine steel engravings, from drawings by well-known artists, with a large number of wood engravings. The able, impartial, and truthful *Cassell's History of the United States*, by Mr. Edmund Ollier, has completed its second volume, and the *History of India* (that is, British India), its first volume. There is also the second volume of the Rev. Mr. Wylie's *History of Protestantism*. A work rather more distinctly of literary interest, but copiously illustrated, is the *Library of English Literature*, edited by Professor Henry Morley. Its first volume comprises a selection, in chronological order, of "Shorter English Poems," from the earliest Celtic and Anglo-Saxon metrical precepts, war songs, hymns, and romances, down to the recent effusions of Mr. Tennyson or Mr. Algernon Swinburne. These are connected by a slight historical and critical commentary. The second volume, which has begun to come out in serial parts, is devoted to the religious literature of England. As it is the first collection, to our knowledge, of specimen pieces treating of divinity in our native language, this portion of the "Library of English Literature" will merit particular attention.

The Religious Tract Society have been accustomed yearly to prepare, among their many instructive and agreeable works, one or two books describing foreign countries and nations, with abundance of engravings, views of places, and pictures of the costumes or habits of people. It is a volume of *American Pictures*, not quite what we should call foreign, that comes from St. Paul's-churchyard upon this occasion. The text is supplied by a pleasant and well-informed writer, the Rev. Dr. Samuel Manning, who swiftly conducts us through the United States, to Mormonism and to California, still keeping an eye upon the subjects of the frequent woodcuts. A publication, by Messrs. Sampson Low and Co., though of much higher pretensions, may yet be mentioned here as treating of the great American Republic. Its theme and scope are nearly identical with one of Messrs. Cassell's serial works in progress, being *A Popular History of the United States*, by Messrs. Cullen Bryant and Sydney Howard Gay. The mode and terms of these two publications, indeed, are so different, that the one is scarcely calculated to challenge the popularity of the other. Messrs. Sampson Low's edition of the American history is issued in sixteen sections, at the price of nine shillings each, to constitute four volumes, and the first volume has been completed. This brings down the narrative to the Pilgrim Fathers of New England and the early struggles of the Massachusetts settlement. The illustrations comprise a few steel plates, and some good landscapes and portraits, but many of the smaller woodcuts are not quite worthy of such a standard work.

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, with a judicious care to make wisdom agreeable and entertaining, have provided a variety of subjects, which are set forth in a pleasant manner. A third edition, in a cheaper form, of the Rev. Canon Tristram's *Land of Israel*, carefully revised by the learned author, is furnished with a large number of vignette engravings, with eight of page size, and four printed in colours, besides two maps. It is the best modern description of the actual topography, geology, and natural history of Palestine, which should be studied along with such books as those of Dean Stanley and the Rev. Norman M'Leod. *Africa Unveiled*, by the Rev. H. Rowley, who was connected with the Universities' Church Mission to Zanzibar and the neighbouring eastern parts of that continent, is a compact relation of all that is practically most needful to be known for the direction of evangelical philanthropy to its sacred work thereabouts. *The Land and People of China*, which has at least equal interest, is by Mr. J. Thomson, the photographic artist, long resident at Singapore, who is the author of some of the finest works that have come out, illustrative of Chinese life and scenery. *The Home of the Wolverine and Beaver*, by Mr. Charles Eden, is a tale for boys fond of adventure, designed to make them acquainted with the wilder districts of Canada. Other books of one volume are calculated to imbue young readers with a slight knowledge of important passages in European history. Such is *Erling, or the Days of St. Olaf*, which refers of course to the struggle between Christianity and heathenism among the Norsemen of old, and their conflicts with the Anglo-Saxons in this country. It is by F. Scarlett Potter, who has also written *Heroes of the North*, a series of stirring tales from the Norwegian chronicles. An historical subject of nearer interest is dealt with by Miss Bramston, in her story, *For Faith and Fatherland*, which treats of the Dutch revolt against the tyranny and bigotry of Spain, precisely three hundred years ago. More peaceful actions, in the familiar region of English household life, are narrated by Miss Bessie Curteis; in *The Marsh* is a rustic tale of the eastern counties; *Fan*, by "Sigma," is likewise a simple village tale; and in *The North Country*, a little book of three short stories, by Austin Clare, has the same kind of homely charm.

Messrs. Marcus Ward and Co. not only possess the art of illustrating and adorning their books with beautiful colour-printed engravings, but exercise superior taste and judgment in the choice of literary productions, whether newly written or reprinted from standard authors. They give us this year a nice edition of *Robinson Crusoe*, with two coloured prints and many plain; a volume of fresh tales and legends, from the German of Villamaria, entitled *Fairy Land*, all alive with fairies, dwarfs, elves, and water-sprites; our good old friend *The Vicar of Wakefield*, who should never go out of fashion; and an approved book of travel, Mr. J. L. Stephens's *Notes in Egypt and Nubia*, with an account of the Suez Canal now added. There is further a story of city by-ways, by L. T. Meade, which is called *Scamp and I* (the former being a dog), and which is a pathetic appeal to save childish innocence from its perils in the London streets. *Where the Rail Runs Now*, by F. Frankfort Moore, is a story of the old coaching days in the country. For the young lady who cares more to study in fiction the manners of social intercourse, and its developments of character, there is *Miss Hitchcock's Wedding Dress*, by the author of "Mrs. Jerningham's Journal" and "A Very Young Couple."

The Stratford-on-Avon Town Council have decided to restore the ringing of the curfew bell, which until lately had been rung uninterruptedly since the Conquest.

NEW BOOKS.

Something more than the recommendation of being published in due season belongs to the volume entitled *The Papal Conclaves, as they were and as they are*, by T. Adolphus Trollope (Chapman and Hall); but its seasonableness is not the least noticeable of its features. The recent death of that celebrated Cardinal who was for so many years the right hand of Pius IX. seems to have fallen upon the world as the shadow of another, a similar, but a still more important event, which cannot in the nature of things be much longer delayed; and which, when it comes, will cause public attention to be fixed upon the Conclave whose duty it will be to elect a successor to the present Pope. He has already occupied his august but precarious position for more than thirty years—a longer period than that during which the reign of any one of his predecessors endured. Twenty-five years—if tradition may be considered anything more than fabulous—did St. Peter occupy the bishopric of Rome; and since his time no Pope, save the present, has held the see so long, "the longest reign having been that of Pius VI., who died in 1799, after an incumbency of twenty-four years and eight months." It may well be supposed, then, that the present Pope's extended term of office has given time for the method of his election to slip out of men's remembrance, and that a convenient opportunity has arrived for refreshing faded memories. The contents of the volume are divided into four "books." The first is employed in tracing the process whereby the Papal election came to be attributed solely to the Sacred College—that is, the collegiate body composed of the Cardinals; and it concludes with a list of the rules drawn up by Gregory X., which, with certain modifications, form the basis "of all the law and usage observed in the Papal elections up to this time." The second is occupied with a somewhat bewildering account of various conclaves during a period of two hundred and seventy-three years, from the death of Gregory X. to that of Paul III., pauses being made at such points as seem to be invested with special interest. The third is devoted to notices of those whom it has seemed good to call "the zealous Popes," because they were chiefly actuated by the desire of promoting "the prosperity, welfare, and advantage of the Church, as they understood the nature of these things." The fourth is dedicated to the so-called "Prince Popes," dating, according to the author's calculation, from the time "when the Popes became princes first and priests afterwards." The fifth deals with "the Conclave as it is at present." It may appear that some of these divisions, especially those to which the Popes who were zealous for the Church and the Popes who were princes rather than priests are respectively assigned, were suggested by fancy quite as much as by fact; but they are, at any rate, convenient. How much information is to be derived from them, one and all, depends, of course, upon the amount of knowledge already possessed by such inquirers as refer to them; but it can be safely stated that, in cases where an inquirer had hitherto little knowledge, or none at all, the supply is likely to be considered extremely liberal. Those who have no idea at present what is meant by saying that a particular Pope was elected by inspiration, or adoration, or acclamation, or by compromise, or by scrutiny and accessit, will find themselves much enlightened. And those who cannot at present explain what is understood when a Pope is said to have created a certain person a Cardinal "in petto," or when a certain Cardinal is described as a certain Pope's "creature" (though the word "creation" would do equally well, and be more comprehensible), or when certain Cardinals, on the eve of a Papal election, are distinguished as "papable subjects" or "unpapable subjects," will have their darkness greatly illuminated. Perhaps, with the exception of the anecdotes which are interspersed among the pages, the most interesting portion of the volume will, in general estimation, be that which is descriptive of the ceremonial observed at the election of Pius IX., and to be observed, as the author presumes, on the next occasion. The author, however, says nothing about the modifications which cannot fail to be introduced upon the demise of Pope Pius IX., if the proposals reported to have been made to the King of Italy by some of his Ministers should be entertained, such as the occupation by a military force of the neighbourhood of the Vatican, and the intervention of the Prefect of Rome in the formalities attendant upon the decease of the Pope. Of those formalities the principal have hitherto been as follow: No sooner was the breath out of the dying Pope's body than the place where it lay was entered by the Cardinal Camerlingo (chamberlain), who "has the entire government in his hands during the vacancy of the see." The Cardinal carried in his hand a little hammer, with which he thrice tapped the forehead of the dead Pope, thrice calling him by his real name, not the name and title assumed at his elevation; saying, for instance, "Roderigo Borgia! Roderigo Borgia! Roderigo Borgia!" There was, of course, neither voice nor any that answered, and the Camerlingo drew from the dead man's finger the mystic "fisherman's ring" and broke it. Then came a space of nine days, "allowed according to the ancient constitutions for the preparations of the Conclave and for the arrival of those members of the Sacred College who may be at a distance." That the time allowed was not always, though it may be now, sufficient, may be readily believed; and it is recorded by our author that Pius IX. was elected, more than thirty years ago, because Cardinal Gaysruck, hastening up with Austria's "veto," did not arrive in time, as "his post-horses did not go quick enough." To set down here all the rules and regulations to which a Conclave is subject is, of course, out of the question; but it may be mentioned that we should not look at the present day for an election by "inspiration" (or by "adoration"), or "compromise;" the received method is supposed to be by "scrutiny" and "accessit," and "the number of votes needed to make an election is two thirds of those present in Conclave," a man's own vote for himself "not to be counted in this number." It is curious to observe that, according to an old superstition, "no Pope could reach the length of Papacy said to have been enjoyed by St. Peter;" but we see that Pius IX. has done so.

There are two obvious difficulties in the way of anybody who undertakes such a task as has been accomplished in the two volumes entitled *The Secret Societies of the European Revolution, 1776—1876*, by Thomas Frost (Tinsley Brothers); for, in the first place, the associations which are already "blown upon" have lost their chief feature of interest; and, in the second place, the associations which still exist and are still carrying on their mole-like operations are just those about which the scantiest possible information can be obtained, though they are those about which the fullest information is most desirable and would be most acceptable. As regards the obsolete societies, it is a question whether a perusal of "Anne of Geierstein" would not afford nine persons out of ten, in the pleasantest way imaginable, as good a general idea as they would desire to have of the whole subject, seeing that there is a strong fundamental resemblance, in point both of constitution and of procedure, due allowance being made for lapse of time and for progress of civilisation, between all bodies bound together by a secret pact. Nevertheless, to all who care to enter more particularly into such matters, Mr. Frost's two volumes may be strongly recommended. He



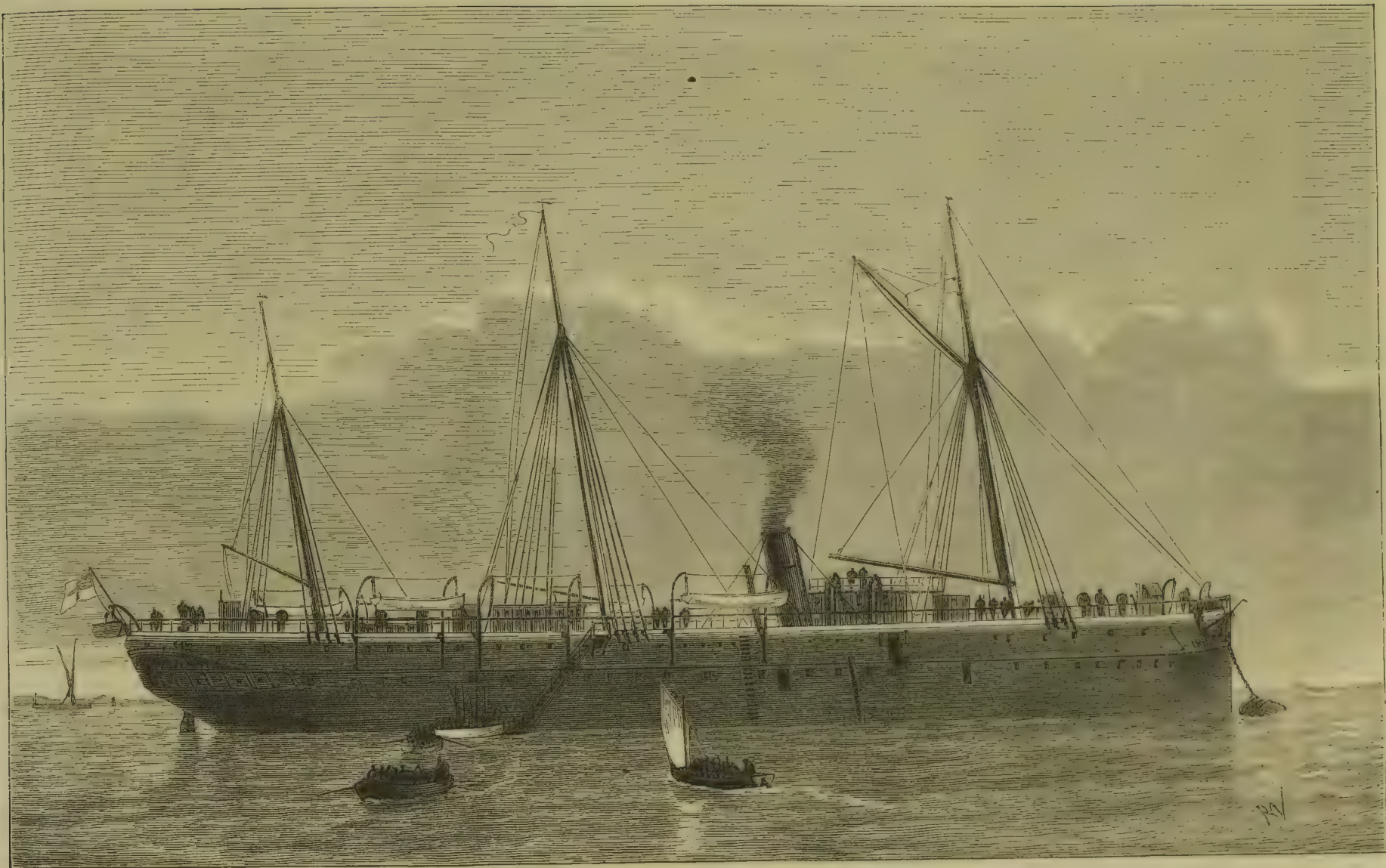
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seems to have had more than usually good opportunities for personal observation, and he appears to have used extraordinary diligence and research in fortifying himself with supplementary knowledge acquired from the best authorities. With Assassins, Templars, Freemasons, Illuminati, United Irishmen, Philadelphians, the Tugendbund, Carbonari, Associated Patriots, Comuneros, the Hetairia, United Sclavonians, Young Italy, the Families, Young Germany, Young Poland, Young Switzerland, Communists, Fenians, Nihilists, and the Omladina, he deals as one who has the authority of knowledge. There is still some interest, no doubt, attached to all; but from those which have had their day, their most interesting and fascinating portion—namely, the veil of secrecy and mystery—has dropped away; they have long stood revealed in the light of day, and the record of what they did or failed to do has its place among the chronicles of open history. Cardinal Manning and Lord Beaconsfield have lately borne testimony, however, to the fact that there still exist secret societies, as powerful and as dangerous as heretofore; and among them may be counted the Omladina, to which Mr. Frost has devoted a chapter. He confesses that, as was only to be expected, "the information concerning its organisation which is as yet available to us is very scanty;" but the little he has been able to learn

about it is likely to meet with considerable attention at the present juncture. For reasons already given, there are those to whom the history of secret societies may appear tedious and unprofitable to read; but then all minds are not similarly constituted. A perusal of the two volumes under consideration can hardly fail, however, to produce a conviction that such associations, if useful at all, are useful principally as a means of keeping certain sentiments alive; that they seldom achieve anything great of their own unassisted motion; that they owe such influence as they possess to the semi-superstitious feeling which prompts mankind to invest the unknown with magnificence; that they lead to the most deplorable events, arising from panic bred of vague apprehension; and that they are surrounded by an atmosphere most favourable to the growth of murderers, traitors, informers, and all the vile creatures whose palms feel an itching for blood-money.

That Man is the final cause of creation is a theme which would sustain any amount of eloquence on the part of a competent interpreter of nature, physical and metaphysical. The anonymous author of *The Supremacy of Man: A Suggestive Inquiry, respecting the Philosophy and Theology of the Future* (Hamilton, Adams, and Co.), has many of the qualifications required for the task. But he has too lively an imagination and too little learning. He wishes to show that "Nature, Scripture,

and Man" agree; but for Scripture he substitutes a popular interpretation, and Biblical criticism he ignores altogether. Of the origin of Evil, for instance, he accepts the Miltonic notion, borrowed from Cædmon, who doubtless represented in his Saxon poetry the monkish traditions of the Middle Ages. Not a word of their theory is to be found in the Bible, which describes the fall of the angels to consist in the Sons of God wedding the Daughters of Men, just as related in the Book of Enoch, quoted by Jude, and, in the year 1833, translated by Dr. Richard Laurence, Archbishop of Cashel, formerly Professor of Hebrew in the University of Oxford. Our author's argument starts fairly enough, with some assumptions which appear to serve him as axioms and postulates, but which fail to impress the reader as self-evident truths or necessary data. Otherwise stated, and set forth with scientific precision, they might have fairly enough represented both. Suddenly the author leaves this ground and appeals to authority—namely, the questionable interpretations of Scripture, which, however in the past they may have served sectarian purposes, cannot be suffered to stand in "the philosophy and theology of the Future." Once upon this track, the writer no longer argues, but rhapsodises, and frequently to some effect; for his powers of rhetoric are unquestionably great. He has, too, immense wealth of illustra-



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tion. Ultimately he loses himself, and his theme; and an impression is forced upon us that the chapters we are perusing were originally sermons. Compositions for the pulpit are not always the best for the closet; they need precision and compression. The title of the work appears to suggest that it is intended as a counterweight to the late Mr. Winwood Reade's "Martyrdom of Man;" but as a literary composition it is decidedly inferior to that very remarkable production. Nevertheless, in the hopefulness of its tone, and in the liberality of its opinions, there is much that merits commendation. Had there been in it less of the occasional lecture and more of the permanent book, its literary and philosophical value would have been greatly enhanced.

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Among the exquisitely-finished small paintings of the old Dutch school, forming part of the late Sir Robert Peel's collection, which was added to those in our National Gallery in Trafalgar-square, is a delightful picture of a simple domestic subject, by Gerard Terburg. It represents only a musician giving a lesson to a lady, in the presence of a gentleman, who stands by and watches, or listens to, her attempted performance; the teacher beating time, while he tells the fair pupil what she is to do. The sumptuous apparel of this gentle dame, who is arrayed in a robe of yellow and white satin, as

well as the elegant and costly ornamental furniture of the saloon, bears witness to the riches and taste of the Dutch merchants in the seventeenth century. There are some other pictures in the same collection, which equally attest the ruder comfort of the lower class of people in that age and country, whose characteristics are so faithfully expressed by the admirable skill of the Dutch painters.

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of this, but under cover of the awning deck, are horse-stalls, galleys, hammock-rooms, and washing-places for the soldiers. The fore-end of the deck is fitted with a large and roomy fore-castle. On the main and lower decks there are fittings for carrying either cavalry, infantry, women and children, or cargo, as the case may be. Below these decks are store and baggage-rooms. The vessel and her fittings were designed by Commander Brownlow, of the Transport Department.

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Not for these I raise
The song of thanks and praise;
But for those obstinate questionings
Of sense and outward things,
Fallings from us, vanishings,
Blank misgivings of a creature
Moving about in worlds not realised,
High instincts, before which our mortal nature
Doth tremble like a guilty thing surprised;
Aye, for those first affections,
Those shadowy recollections,
Which, be they what they may,
Are yet the fountain light of all our day,
Are yet a master light of all our seeing,
Uphold us, cherish, and have power to make
Our noisy years seem moments in the being
Of the eternal silence; truths that wake
To perish never;
Which neither listlessness, nor mad endeavour,
In man or boy,
Nor all that is at enmity with joy,
Can utterly abolish or destroy.

These are the holy suggestions of Nature, even to this babe of a few weeks, now carried abroad for its "first outing," and when, if there be an immortal soul within that helpless little body, its future welfare may in some degree be advanced by the scene which here lies around it. "Heaven lies about us in our infancy."

CATTLE SHOWS.

The Smithfield Club Cattle Show, which opened on Monday, is said by the *Times* to be the largest and best which has been seen in the Agricultural Hall—not because the crack beasts eclipse in merit of shape and feeding any specimens of a former time, but because all the classes are filled with animals of higher excellence throughout than on any previous occasion. The number of entries was 455, the next largest having been in 1873, when it was 430. The number of Devons was 45, the largest number ever shown before being 46, in 1873; Herefords, 33 (43 in 1870); shorthorns, 53 (65 in 1873); Sussex, 36 (33 in 1873); Scots and other breeds, 74 (72 last year); sheep, 153 (188 in 1873); and pigs, 61, as against 60 in 1867. The most meritorious display of cattle was made by the Devons; and a really marvellous specimen of this breed succeeded in carrying off the £100 Champion Plate as the best beast in the show, being the first time that the chief honour has been won by a Devon. It was one bred by Mr. Samuel Kidner, of Bickley Farm, Milverton, Somerset—her Majesty, who exhibited ten animals, winning a third for Devon steers. She also showed a Hereford steer, a shorthorn steer, and a pig, which were commended. The Prince of Wales, who sent eleven animals to the show, gained a prize for a pen of Southdown ewes, and is commended for a Devon steer, a Southdown wether, a Southdown ewe, and a pig. Lord Walsingham took the champion plate for the three best sheep. Amongst the prize-winners were the Corporation of Norwich for a wether lamb. The Prince of Wales attended the show on Monday, and presented a testimonial engrossed on vellum to Mr. Brandreth Gibbs, who had for the thirty-third time filled the post of hon. secretary. The Duke of Bedford has been elected president of the Smithfield Club for 1878.

The winter cattle show of the Royal Dublin Society opened on Tuesday. The show is a good one, and the quality of the animals superior. The Marquis of Headfort took first prize in the out-fed fat cattle class.

The Birmingham Cattle and Poultry Show bids fair to be unusually good. Visitors to Bingley Hall will, it is said, there see the conquerors in their various classes at the London, Edinburgh, Leeds, and Oakham Shows, which are all held the week previous to that of Birmingham, and will therefore act as feeders to the great Midland Show. The entries received from the farms of the Queen and the Prince of Wales are more extensive than usual; and the list of exhibitors includes the names of the Dukes of Hamilton, the Duke of Sutherland, the Duke of Portland, the Duke of Buckingham, the Marquis of Exeter, the Earls of Dunmore, Falmouth, and Zetland, several of whom now enter at Bingley Hall for the first time.

The leading publishers of diaries, calendars, almanacks, and pocket-books, for the coming year, will be found to have fully sustained their customary high standard of completeness, of correctness, of elegance in design, and finished neatness in style of execution. Messrs. Warren, De la Rue and Co., as usual, merit

the highest commendation for the exquisite beauty and perfect convenience of their pocket-books, in five different forms or sizes, adorned with photographs of astronomical subjects. Their card-calendars, printed in colours of several decorative patterns, are delightful to the artistic eye; and those for mechanical adjustment, from month to month, are very ingeniously contrived. Messrs. T. J. and J. Smith, of Queen-street, Cheapside, have prepared some very useful business diaries, with pages lettered and numbered for easy reference, and with ample space for copious written entries; their pocket diary, with almanack, is neat and handy. "Punch's Pocket-Book," intended to combine amusement with the daily reminder and record of dated engagements, has plenty of comic matter, in prose, verse, and pictures. Its coloured frontispiece is a droll review of young ladies and gentlemen playing at lawn tennis, which is called "Artillery Manœuvres." We shall have occasion hereafter to notice some of the new "Christmas Cards;" but those of Messrs. Marcus Ward and Co., as well as Messrs. De la Rue's, are particularly worthy of admiration. In a little boxful received from the first of these two publishers—namely, Marcus Ward—we find a treasure of delicate and dainty devices, of bright gilding, pure and warm colours, and pretty forms, attractive to the eye; with sweet perfumes and scents, agreeable to the smell, and with the expression of gracious thoughts and kindly feelings, most suitable to the season. One of Messrs. De la Rue's elegant trifles in this department shows a charming landscape view, with boats laid up in a harbour, accompanied by two thoughtful sonnets upon "Rest" and "Calm."

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CHE-FOO, IN CHINA.

The new treaty of commerce which Sir Thomas Wade has negotiated, on behalf of Great Britain, with the Government of the Chinese Empire, will be known as the Treaty of Che-foo, from the place of its signature. We give a view of this place, which has also another name, that of Yen T'ai; for it is situated in the Bay of Yen T'ai. But the town for which this port was opened to trade is Teng-chow-foo, which, as its name implies, is the seat of a Chinese official of a rank corresponding to a prefecture. It is in the province of Shang-tung, which means the Eastern mountains. Steamers leaving Shanghai for Tien-tsing first sail through the ochre-coloured water of the Yellow Sea, and, after passing the Shang-tung promontory, the Bay of Yen T'ai is entered. Here are some rocky islands extending across the passage on the outside of Che-foo. More than one vessel has got on these islands, and most likely H.M.S. Lapwing, which the telegraph has announced as being lost at Che-foo, owes her misfortunes to this rocky ledge, which is, most probably, not yet properly marked by lighthouses at night. Captains of merchant-steamers do not like these islands, and avoid passing except in the daytime. One of H.M. ships got on these islands a few years ago. Che-foo has also lately come into notice in connection with the meeting of Sir Thomas Wade, our Ambassador in China, and Li-hung-chung. This place is a seaside resort for many of the Europeans in China. It is too far north for the people of Hong-kong or Canton to frequent; but when Shanghai gets hot, Che-foo is a delightful change, and easily got to by the steamers. It is also the rendezvous of the vessels of war of all the nations represented in that part of the world—English, French, American, and Russian ships come here in the autumn: this gathering attracts others, and officers belonging to the Consular service who can get leave, and men in business who have the time, make for Che-foo at this season, when the place acquires for a time all the characteristics of a fashionable watering-place.

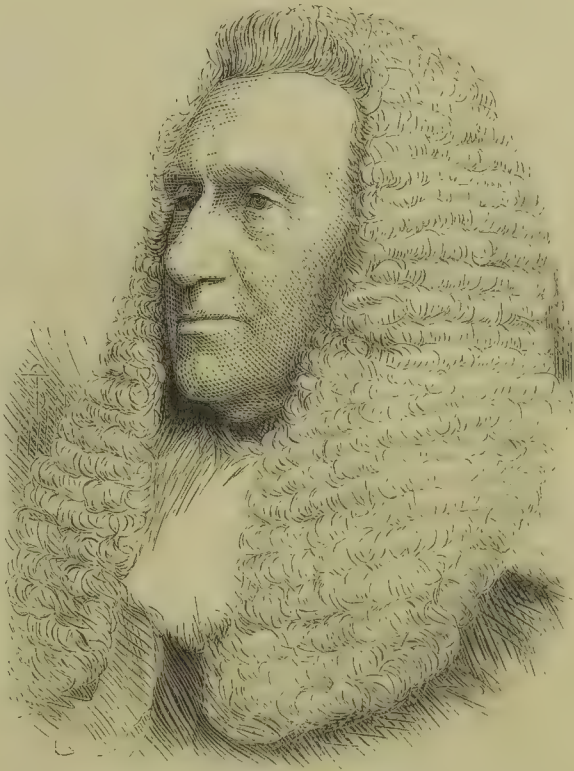
LATE CHIEF JUSTICE WHITESIDE.

The funeral of the Right Hon. James Whiteside, Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, took place at Dublin on Saturday. It was attended by two of the Judges, Mr. Justice O'Brien and Mr. Justice Barry, the Lord Mayor and Corporation, many members of Parliament, and barristers. The interment was in Mount Jerome Cemetery, in a vault adjoining the tombs of Chief Justice Lefroy and of Sir Joseph Napier. We give a portrait of Chief Justice Whiteside, from a photograph by Mr. T. Cranfield. The deceased Judge was mentioned in our last week's Obituary. He was born in the county of Wicklow, in 1806; his father was a clergyman. After graduating in honours at Trinity College, Dublin, he was called to the Bar in 1830, and soon became distinguished. The country was agitated by a series of important political trials, and in the majority of these Mr. Whiteside was retained. His advocacy at the same time increased his reputation at the Bar and with the people. In 1843 he defended O'Connell; in 1848, Smith O'Brien and his co-conspirators; and in 1862 he was the advocate of Teresa Longworth, in the trial to establish the validity of her marriage with Major Yelverton. In 1851 Mr. Whiteside entered Parliament as the representative of the borough of Enniskillen, which he continued to represent until he was elected one of the members for the University of Dublin, in 1859. During Lord Derby's first Administration he was appointed Solicitor-General for Ireland, and subsequently, in 1858 and 1865, he was appointed Attorney-General, shortly after which latter date

he was made Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench. He has written several books, among which may be named "Ancient Rome," "Italy in the Nineteenth Century," and "Life and Death of the Irish Parliament," published in 1863.

THE WAR IN SERBIA.

It will be the task of the Conference this week assembled at Constantinople, where Lord Salisbury arrived on Monday, to agree, if possible, upon definitive terms of peace, and re-



THE LATE CHIEF JUSTICE (OF IRELAND) WHITESIDE.

formation for the Turkish Empire. In the mean time, the arrangements belonging to the armistice, between Turkey on the one hand, and Serbia and Montenegro on the other, have been completed by the military commissioners thereto appointed. Our Special Artist, Mr. Chantrey Corbould, lately at the seat of war in Serbia, furnishes several additional illustrations of the painful scenes and incidents which attended the stoppage of active hostilities. The multitude of distressed Servian and Bulgarian peasantry demanding relief from utter destitution and peril of starvation is reckoned by tens of thousands. They crowd into every town, and especially into the city of Belgrade, where foreign

and native agencies do what can be done with the limited means at their disposal. The soup-kitchens established at Belgrade for this charitable office are represented in one page of our Illustrations. The removal of the Servian wounded soldiers from the temporary campaigning hospitals at Paratjin and elsewhere to the town of Semendria, on the Danube, and to Belgrade, was also necessarily accompanied with much suffering. It was performed, with all possible care, by the transport service of the British National Society, in the manner which is shown in a series of Sketches taken by our Special Artist during the four days he spent with them. These incidents, however, seem to merit a particular notice.

On the first day, at six in the morning, the bearers who had been enlisted in the Society's service began their work. They brought the wounded soldiers from different military hospitals into the inn-yard at Paratjin, where the transport waggons stood ready for them. The second sketch is a view of the inn-yard, bestrewn with litters or stretchers, upon which lay men afflicted with all kinds of wounds and mutilations. Only those most severely injured, yet fit to endure the journey, were allowed to proceed upon that occasion. The arrangements were carried out under the personal superintendence of Baron Mundy, the eminent surgeon, and Mr. Kennett, manager of the transport-train, with their staff of assistants and servants. Before placing the men in the waggons, their wounds were carefully seen to, and every care was taken to ensure a comfortable journey. At last the train is ready, and moves out of the inn-yard to take up its line of march for Semendria. An "omnibus-waggon" leads, after which come the native waggons pressed into the service, made comfortable by heaps of hay and blankets, and an "omnibus-waggon" ends the train, as shown in the sketch. The train was several times stopped, to answer the appeal of some poor fellow who was not quite comfortable; and once or twice they were supplied all round with cigarettes, which they were very thankful for. As they travelled along the road, they came upon one or two peasant women, of whom Mr. Kennett bought grapes for the poor fellows lying in the waggons. At Oratchia there was a substantial dinner provided for them, consisting of soup, meat, and bread, with some wine, and the native spirituous liquor, called slivovitz, which is distilled from plums. The waggons were ranged in a semicircle, with their tails to the table, so that the patients could be fed comfortably. Those in the omnibus-waggons were fed through the windows. They smoked another round of cigarettes after this repast. Again the horses were put to and the march was continued. The sigh was very striking, as they moved over the hilltop and wound round into the valley, with the flags flying. Our Artist's last sketch represents their arrival at Semendria. The waggons were the objects of anxious scrutiny by those who had yet got no tidings of their friends gone to the fight. But the waggons passed immediately on to the quay; where, although it was dark by the time all had taken up their position, it was considered wise at once to remove the wounded on board the hospital barge, ready alongside to receive them.

The *Liverpool Daily Post* says that it appears from the report of the committee of the Dykes Memorial Fund that the amount raised for Mrs. Dykes and family was £10,053; and the treasurer's account shows that, although the money has been contributed by persons in almost every land in both hemispheres, the whole expense—legal, printing, advertising, postage-stamps, &c.—has only amounted to £212.

FINE ARTS.

THE SOCIETY OF PAINTERS IN WATER COLOURS.

The fifteenth winter exhibition of studies and sketches by members of this society opened on Monday last. At the private view, on Saturday, the crowded room testified to the unflinching interest felt by the public in water-colour art. Though there is nothing in the present exhibition to excite unusual interest, the collection is better than it has sometimes been. Most of the members have been working steadily in the old paths, the most noticeable exception to this rule being found in the single contribution of the secretary, Mr. Alfred D. Fripp, who in "The Quarry Path" (95) shows to great advantage as a painter of landscape. The president, Sir John Gilbert, R.A., in his "Free Lances" (24) and "Convocation of Clergy" (173), shows diverse examples of his skill and picturesque treatment. In the first a company of roving troopers are crossing a river, the group being relieved by the subdued effect of a lowering sky. The colour and drawing of the men and horses are in the artist's best manner. The second shows a chamber crowded with ecclesiastics, whose robes of black and red are so distributed as to produce a most powerful and striking effect. We presume, from the wording of the catalogue, that this drawing is a study for the artist's Academy diploma picture. Mr. Carl Haag has several contributions which belong to the class of "sketches and studies" of which the exhibition is supposed to be composed. The most effective is "A Montenegro Outpost, 1854" (2). Several finished studies of single figures are exhibited by Mr. E. K. Johnson, whose girl with a chicken, last year, was the most perfect work we remember by the artist, and the success of which has tempted him to repetition. Mr. Topham's "Wayfarers" (9) and "Welsh Girl" (375) are good examples of the artist's free and picturesque handling. Amongst Mr. J. D. Watson's numerous contributions there is to be observed a tendency to blackness in the treatment, which is to be regretted. This fault is apparent in "Village Lovers" (38) and "Summoned to the War" (228), otherwise unexceptionable drawings. "The Tryst" (193) is a kind of subject latterly much affected by Mr. Watson, and in which he shows to much more advantage. Two lovers, in the costume of a century ago, are wandering in close conversation along a woodland path, while a servant in charge of two horses waits at the edge of the wood for the termination of the love-meeting. Mr. George Dodgson's original and poetical treatment of landscape finds expression in "Peat-Gatherers—Rain Passing Off" (25), "A Bite" (83), and "Richmond Castle" (178). Mr. Basil Bradley's studies of animal life are marked features in this exhibition. His "Feline Affection" (68) and "Tired Playmates" (136) are masterly studies of young lions and tigers in the gardens of the Zoological Society. A more brilliant drawing was never made out of the simple elements of sea and sky than Mr. Francis Powell's "Sea Belle" (111)—a trim yacht, resting on a wide-stretching surface of calm and transparent sea, while overhead float masses of fleecy clouds. There is little or no colour in the drawing—it is light and airy as a piece of gauze—yet it holds its own against all that surrounds it. "The Harvest of the Sea" (146) is a large sketch for an oil picture by Mr. Arthur H. Marsh. It represents a party of women collecting fragments of wreck from the surf under a stormy sky. The drawing is extremely powerful, but inclined to blackness; and it is for that reason, perhaps, that we are reminded on looking at it of the work of Israels. The coast of South Wales has furnished Mr. Edward Duncan with some of the subjects in which he most delights. He has made an effective drawing of "The Great Tor, Oxwich Bay" (58). Amongst the younger members of the society none have made such an advance in this exhibition as Mr. Walter Duncan. "In the Stocks" (152) is by far the most telling drawing he has yet exhibited, and, though we could have dispensed with the vulgar little boy in front, the picture is attractive from its brightness and general power. Mr. H. Britten Willis has nearly a dozen drawings here, but none of them exceed in truthfulness the deftly-executed little "Sketch of a Cow" (126). The two phases of Mr. S. Read's art with which the public is most familiar are well represented here by the "Interior of St. Nicholas, Ghent" (193), and the "East Neuk o' Fife" (218). A very clever bit of character is a sketch, by Mr. J. Parker, of an old gardener looking up from his work to answer some inquiry as to his age. "Seventy-four come next Michaelmas" (313) is the old man's answer, and he looks as if the slightest encouragement would send him off on a long story of his experiences.

When the visitor comes to examine the screens which stand at each end of the gallery, he will be attracted by the "Balneator" (332) and "Balneatrix" (353) of Mr. Alma Tadema, by the "Pulborough on the River Arun" (321) of Mr. J. J. Jenkins, and "Branksea Castle" (360), by the President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Mr. Prescott Hewitt. There are also two decorative designs of the months by Mr. H. Stacy Marks, A.R.A., and a very beautiful study, "Pomegranate Blossom" (400), by Mr. J. W. North. The former president of the society, Mr. Frederick Tayler, is well represented by several excellent drawings, among which may be mentioned "Market Day, on the Road to Quimper, Brittany" (40), and "A Day with the Roe Deer, Brittany" (181).

Other drawings worthy of attention are "Loch Borlen" (20), by Mr. T. M. Richardson; "Study of a Hill Side and Cavern on the Coast of Cornwall" (29), by Mr. G. A. Fripp; "A Study" (34), by Mr. W. C. T. Dobson, R.A.; "The Forum, Rome" (45), by Mr. H. P. Riviere; "Wray Common, Surrey" (56), by Mr. C. Davidson; "St. Catherine's Island, Tenby" (69), by Mr. S. P. Jackson; "Beaching the Boat" (78), by Mr. E. F. Brewtall; "The Ferry Side" (121), by Mr. R. Thornewaite; "A Corner of St. Mark's, Venice" (170), by Miss Clara Montalba; "Near Arthog" (187), by Mr. Thomas Danby; "Salute at Spithead in Honour of the Shah of Persia" (316), by Mr. H. Moore; "Lago Maggiore" (380), by Mr. W. M. Hale.

Baroness Burdett-Coutts has given a handsome donation to the Torquay School of Art for special prizes, which she is expected to deliver personally to the successful students soon after Christmas.

We understand that Mr. Arthur Lucas, of Wigmore-street, the publisher, has engaged the Chevalier J. Ballin to produce an important-sized plate, from Edwin Tong's (A.R.A.) picture of "The Pool of Bethesda," which was in the last Royal Academy Exhibition.

The prospectus for the sixth annual drawing of the Printers' Art-Union has been issued. The value of the prizes is increased to £1300, and the number to 600, this being a large increase in both directions.

The first fruits of Mr. Rassam's mission to the East (says the *Manchester Guardian's* London correspondent) have already been received in this country. They include two bronze plates which represent the figures of tribute-bearers to an Assyrian King, probably Shalmaneser. One of these, about twelve inches by four, shows the figures of some thirteen men, Tyrians and Sidonians, as they are called in the cuneiform legend of the plate, but almost certainly including Jews, laden with skins of the wine of Aleppo, with baskets or cases of fruit and

flowers, while two of them in the middle are the bearers of trays on which ingots of bullion are placed. The other plate is chiefly occupied with about twenty-four figures, who march in couples, while each pair of couples support a cedar of Lebanon.

A numerously-attended meeting was held in the drill-room, Wellitch, Hampstead, last week, on the occasion of the presentation, by Sir George Gilbert Scott, of prizes awarded by the Science and Art Department at South Kensington to students of the Hampstead Government Drawing Class. The Rev. J. Kirkman, Vicar of St. Stephens's, presided. The class, which was opened in January last, contains thirty pupils, a large proportion of whom took prizes.

Lord Hampton took the chair, yesterday week, at the annual meeting of the Worcester School of Art, at Worcester, and delivered an address to the students and visitors. He congratulated them on the satisfactory report which had been presented, and which showed that the institution was in a more prosperous condition than it had ever been before during the twenty-five years of its existence. One of the students, Mr. Broad, had obtained a national scholarship, and the students' work sent to South Kensington had gained four national awards. The work of the students on view that day was of high merit. The school had attained, he would not say the climax of skill, but a very high position, and he might class it as one that took a very high place among the institutions of the county of Worcester. He could not refrain from noticing the honourable spirit in which the city of Worcester supported that institution. He had been disappointed in finding that the sister art of sculpture had not met with the support to which it was entitled, and that the art of modelling had not been followed as much as the art of drawing. He had been told that one reason for this was the cost of casting from the models, and a gentleman connected with the Worcester porcelain manufactory had assured him that that impediment should not be allowed to stand in the way of students. The other suggestion that he would make was that the Worcester School of Art should be accompanied by a school of science, as in other places.

In a second lecture, given on Monday evening to the members of the Midland Institute, Birmingham, Mr. Arthur Arnold said that two distinguished Englishmen who had written upon the ruins of the halls of Darius and Xerxes at Persepolis—Professor Rawlinson and Mr. Fergusson—had never seen them. "Had Professor Rawlinson seen the buildings of Italy, of Greece, of Egypt, and of Asia, he never would have written in his 'Five Ancient Monarchies' of the ruins of Persepolis, and in particular of the Hall of a Hundred Columns, as 'the great pillared halls which constitute the glory of Arian architecture, and which, even in their ruins, provoke the wonder and admiration of modern Europeans, familiar with all the triumphs of Western art, with Grecian temples, Roman baths and amphitheatres, Moorish palaces, Turkish mosques, and Christian cathedrals.' This is just the point in which the buildings of Persepolis fail. They are deeply interesting as records of the Achaemenian Dynasty, they are illustrated books of priceless value in their inscriptions and sculpture; but for grandeur and even solidity they never were comparable to some of the buildings of Athens, nor among modern and Christian buildings to the Church of St. Isaac in St. Petersburg."

MUSIC.

The season of the Carl Rosa Opera Company closed, last Saturday evening, with a performance of Cherubini's opera, "The Water-Carrier," cast as previously noticed. The Lyceum Theatre opened, under Mr. Carl Rosa's management, on Sept. 11 (with the work just named), since which date English versions of Adolph Adam's "Giralda," Nicolo Isouard's "Joconde," Wagner's "Der Fliegende Holländer," Hérold's "Zampa," and Beethoven's "Fidelio," have been produced, in addition to the repetitions of many popular works which were performed at the Princess's Theatre last year by the same company. Wagner's opera has been the chief success of the season, which, it is agreeable to learn, has been altogether satisfactory in its financial results. We have on several occasions borne testimony to the good ensemble realised in these performances, the excellence of the orchestra having been a special feature, and the chorus-singing far above the theatrical average. Mr. Rosa's provincial tour has begun with a week of unprecedented success at the Manchester Theatre Royal, "Zampa," "Pauline," "Fidelio," and "The Flying Dutchman," having drawn thronged houses. This excellent English Opera Company proceeds to Birmingham next week.

There was no novelty at last Saturday's Crystal Palace concert beyond the first performance there of Mr. Arthur Sullivan's cantata, "On Shore and Sea." This work was composed for the opening of the London International Exhibition of 1871, on which occasion we gave a detailed notice of it. It was rendered with much effect on Saturday, with the co-operation of the Crystal Palace band and the choir associated with the establishment, the vocal solos having been well sung by Madame Lemmens-Sherrington and Mr. Wadmore. Herr Wilhelm's splendid violin-playing was a feature in the concert. This was displayed in Ernst's elaborate "Hungarian Fantasia" (with orchestral accompaniments), and in the "Chaconne" from Bach's fourth violin sonata (unaccompanied). Meyerbeer's characteristic overture to his brother's tragedy of "Struensee," and the greatest of Beethoven's four overtures to "Fidelio," the third in C major (to "Leonora," the other title of the same opera), completed the instrumental selection. The vocalists already named each contributed a solo—the lady, Rossini's cavatina "Della rosa," and the gentleman Mercadante's romanza "Donna gentil."

At the concert of the students of the Royal Academy of Music given, at the institution, on Saturday evening, the first part of Professor G. A. Macfarren's oratorio, "St. John the Baptist," was performed, with great effect, by full orchestra and chorus; the vocal solos by Mr. George and Miss Bolinbroke. The composer (who is Principal of the Academy) was present, and was called on after the performance. The second part of the programme included a clever MS. overture, "The Bride of Abydos," by A. H. Jackson, and some brilliant piano-forte playing by Misses Isabel Thurgood and Evans, and Mr. F. W. W. Bampfylde. Mr. Walter Macfarren conducted.

At this week's Monday Popular Concert Madame Norman-Néruda was again the leading violinist, it having been her last appearance this season at these concerts. Mdlle. Anna Mehlig was the pianist, this having been her first appearance here this season. The violinist's solo performance was in a "Suite" (in D major) by Corelli, with piano-forte accompaniment, the quaint, antique grace of which was admirably rendered. The player was encored, and substituted another piece. Mdlle. Mehlig also produced a great impression by her admirable rendering of Beethoven's "Moonlight" sonata, the alternate pathos and impulse of which were finely realised. The association of Mdlle. Mehlig with the incomparable violoncellist Signor Piatti secured an excellent interpretation of Mendelssohn's duet-sonata in B flat (op. 45). In the quartet which closed the

concert (Haydn's in E flat, No. 3 of op. 71), Mr. L. Ries was the second violin and Mr. Zerbini the viola, as usual. Mrs. Osgood was the vocalist, and Mr. Zerbini the accompanist.

The Royal Albert Hall Choral Society, directed by Mr. Barnby, gave the third concert of the sixth season on Thursday, when "Elijah" was performed. Madame Sinico, Madame Antoinette Sterling, Mr. Sims Reeves, and Signor Foli were among the artistes announced.

Mr. Walter Pettit, the well-known violoncellist, gave a concert, on Friday evening, in the new concert-room of the Royal Academy of Music. His programme was of strong and varied interest in the instrumental selection.

Miss Maud Woodcock's first annual concert took place at Langham Hall, yesterday (Friday) evening, when a varied programme included her own vocal performances.

Mr. Sydney Smith's second pianoforte recital took place at Willis's Rooms, on Wednesday afternoon, when the instrumental selection included his performance of Beethoven's "Moonlight" sonata, pieces by Chopin, and several of his own compositions.

Much interest is attached to the promised production—at the Crystal Palace, on Tuesday next—of an English version of the "Alceste" of Euripides, with choral and orchestral music, composed for the occasion by Mr. Henry Gadsby.

The Bishop of London has conferred the appointment of organist at the Chapels Royal (rendered vacant by the death of Mr. George Cooper) on Mr. Charles S. Jekyll.

There was an unusually large assembly of members of the Musical Association and visitors at the Beethoven Rooms, Harley-street, on Monday afternoon, to hear a paper read by Mr. W. H. Cummings; on "Purcell." Mr. Hullah occupied the chair. Not the least attractive portions of the lecture were Mr. Cummings's illustrations of the composer's genius. A pleasant discussion followed.

THEATRES.

Theatrical movements just before Christmas are generally of an eccentric kind. They are for the most part transitional merely; temporary expedients and convenient stopgaps. Sometimes, as now at the St. James's, they are simply the results of recent failures. The comedy of "London Assurance" was performed on Saturday, with Mrs. John Wood in the part of Lady Gay Spanker; and playgoers must rejoice that it gave this excellent actress an opportunity of presenting to them so brilliant an example of her extraordinary talent. Miss Lydia Foote also, in Grace Harkaway, was good; and Mr. W. H. Stephenson as Sir Harcourt Courtly was as judicious as he was successful. Mr. Charles Warner was lively as Charles Courtly. In other respects the comedy was satisfactorily acted and mounted.

For similar reasons a revival has been produced at the Court—namely, "New Men and Old Acres," the joint production of Messrs. Tom Taylor and Augustus Dubourg. The play is remarkably well acted, and the getting-up is complete. Mrs. Gaston Murray as Lady Matilda Vavasour may be pronounced to be almost perfect; and Mr. Charles Kelly as Samuel Brown was suited to the character. The Lilian Vavasour of Miss Ellen Terry was charming; and Marmaduke Vavasour had an eminently satisfactory representative in Mr. Hare.

We are glad to meet again with Mr. James Alberty. On Monday a new and original drama by this gentleman was produced at the Gaiety. It is entitled "The Man in Possession." The author is safe in his hero, represented by Mr. Toole, who sustained the part with great care. The new drama depends on its characterisation and its dialogue, the latter some of the smartest yet written by Mr. Alberty. In parts it is really brilliant, and of itself kept the audience in a state of genial excitement. As usual, there is not much of plot and less of story in this piece, which consists of one little incident or situation. Edward Titscrap is a broker, who was once placed in possession of an officer's house, and, moved to pity, took possession likewise of a baby strangely deserted by its parent. The little girl has grown to womanhood, and the benevolent broker is proud of his charge. He is visited by a scapegrace brother, William Titscrap (Mr. J. F. Young, "his first appearance in London"), a reformed convict from Australia. That he is not very welcome is plain enough from Edward's stranger conduct and tardy reception; but, on his conversion being made evident, William is permitted to remain, and to co-operate in the business of the family. Penelope, as the fair maiden is called, has been all along treated as a daughter—nay, more, for the broker has expended money on some false jewellery for her personal adornment. A lover now appears, one Rushmore Dosthill, nephew of Sir Stratton Rushmore, who gains her confidence under pretence of being her music-master; and she ultimately leaves the roof of her protector in his company. This little episode is very gracefully treated, and secured the sympathy of the audience. The enamoured couple are duly married; but the husband becomes impecunious, and Edward Titscrap finds himself in possession of his house as he had formerly been of that of his uncle. All parties are thus brought together, and the stern aristocrat finds his lost daughter in Penelope, the wife of his ill-used nephew. The parts of uncle and nephew are ably sustained by Mr. H. Westland and Mr. Edmund Leathes. The character of Penelope is very elegantly interpreted by Miss Hollingshead, who has much improved as an artiste, and gives abundant promise of achieving a decided reputation. The scenery is throughout good, and even picturesque. The curtain fell to much applause.

Mr. Charles Hengler commenced his sixth season on Saturday at the Circus, in Argyll-street, Oxford-street, and gave one of those elegant equestrian exhibitions with which his name has become associated. Among the things to be admired were conspicuously the Prussian mare Flora, the steed Cellarius, and two Spanish horses managed by M. Ameson. The various equestrian artistes engaged are all of the highest excellence. The visitor will be particularly pleased with the quadrille illustrative of "La Fille de Madame Angot," and the manifold characters assumed by Mr. James Bridges. The clowns employed are also exceedingly good. Altogether, the performances deserve public patronage.

Captain T. Small, of Lowestoft, has been presented with a gold medal by the French Government for his long and devoted services of twenty-four years as French Consular Agent at Yarmouth and Lowestoft. He has been obliged to resign his post on account of ill-health, and Mr. Horatio Littlewood has been named as his successor.

A public meeting was held at Kidderminster, yesterday week, to consider the proposal to erect a statue to Sir Rowland Hill, the author of the cheap postal system, who was a native of Kidderminster. A permanent memorial, of which a statue was to form part, was resolved on, and it was determined to raise local donations and a national penny subscription to carry out the object.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

On Monday evening Mr. Bright addressed a large and enthusiastic meeting in the Townhall, at Birmingham, on the Eastern Question. He briefly recapitulated the principal events of the past year, and inquired why war was considered imminent, although every Government in Europe was in favour of peace. The answer was, because England was determined, by means of Turkey, to keep the Russian ships of war out of the Mediterranean. He ridiculed the idea of there being any danger to English interests in the presence of a Russian navy in that sea. The vessels of other nations were permitted there, and the skies would not fall if Russia was admitted. She was excluded by frost from passing from the Baltic during half the year, and throughout the whole year from passing the Dardanelles, because Turkey held the keys for England. If England were in such a position, the unanimous voice of the nation would claim the right for her vessels to enter the Mediterranean. He urged that Great Britain should join Russia in urging reforms on Turkey; and, if she could not do that, let her stand aside. Referring to the Conference, he said Lord Salisbury's home policy had been marked by arrogance and unwisdom, but his Indian policy by justice and humanity. He hoped that, at Constantinople, his ability and justice would have fair play, and that he would do himself and his country honour by the duty he had undertaken.

Mr. Gladstone, M.P., in a letter read at a public meeting in Darlington, yesterday week, says that he looks upon the mission of Lord Salisbury as a contradiction to the speech of the Prime Minister at the Mansion House, and recommends that the mission should receive a word of goodwill at any future public meeting that may be held.

A town meeting, presided over by the Mayor, was held at Manchester, on Monday, to consider the Eastern Question. A resolution was passed in favour of England acting in concert with the European Powers, especially with Russia, to secure the release of the oppressed provinces from the direct rule of the Turk, and appointing delegates to the National Conference, which is to assemble on Friday.

The Speaker of the House of Commons, in presiding at the annual dinner of the Lewes Fat Stock Show, on Tuesday, referred to the Eastern Question, and spoke of the selection of Lord Salisbury to represent this country at the Constantinople Conference as a happy thought on the part of those who were responsible for it.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Cobden Club, held yesterday week, it was resolved to republish Mr. Cobden's well-known essay on England and Russia, as being likely to have some influence on public opinion at this crisis.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

The prizes to the London Brigade are to be distributed this (Saturday) evening, at the Crystal Palace, by the Lady Mayoress, in the presence of the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, and other distinguished visitors.

The prizes gained by the members of the 2nd City of London were presented to the winners by the Lord Mayor, at Guildhall, last Saturday evening. It was stated by Lieutenant-Colonel Vickers that the corps comprised 686 efficient and sixty-eight non-efficient, the latter number being less by forty-two than it was last year. Sergeant H. J. Brown secured the "three stars," as best shot of the battalion, the regimental gold badge and medal falling to Captain Hardy, while the battalion challenge cups were taken by Private J. Butler, Sergeant Rothen, and Colour-Sergeant Millard. After the prizes had been handed to the winners, Sergeant-Major Spooner was called to the front, and received from the hands of his Lordship a silver biscuit-box, presented by the officers "in token of their appreciation of his services for some years."

The annual distribution of prizes to the members of the City of London Engineers took place, last week, at Berner's Hall, Islington, the successful competitors receiving the rewards of their skill from the hands of their late commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Stillwell. He has been compelled to resign his commission through failing health, after fifteen years' service, he having taken the chair at the first meeting held for the purpose of forming the corps. The principal prize-winners were Corporal Pannel, Corporal Coredon, Sapper Potter, and Sergeant Warren.

The Commanding Officers' Monthly Challenge Cup of the 37th Middlesex was fired for, last week, at Wormwood-scrubbs, when it was again won by Private F. H. Heathcote, Sergeant Lindley taking second honours with a similar score, but losing the tie.—Notwithstanding the miserable weather of Saturday afternoon, a detachment of the 37th Middlesex, numbering nearly 150, under the command of Major Richards, started from the Foundling Hospital for their annual winter route march, and, with a short rest at Barnes, reached their destination, at Richmond, at nine o'clock. A church parade was held on Sunday morning, at nine o'clock, when the detachment, together with the Richmond companies of the 2nd A. B. Surrey Rifles, marched to St. Matthias's Church, where the service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Procter, the chaplain of the local corps. The detachment returned to London by train on Monday morning.

The 9th Kent Artillery (up till the present attached to the 10th Kent) have received permission from the War Office to increase their present strength of four batteries to the establishment of a brigade of six batteries, having a Lieutenant-Colonel, Major, six Captains, six subalterns, two assisting Surgeons, and one acting Chaplain.

The Scottish Twenty (Rifle) Club has unanimously adopted a resolution expressive of regret at the decision arrived at by the council to alter the original fundamental rule of the International Snider Match, to the effect that the match shall henceforth always be shot at Wimbledon, and their resolution not to take part in the match under these altered conditions. Hitherto the rule has been that the trophy should be shot for at Edinburgh if the Scotch were successful in the previous contest, and at Wimbledon if the English or Irish were for the time being possessors of the prize.

At a meeting of the general committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held at the Freemasons' Hall last Saturday, Mr. Binckes, the secretary, announced that, up to the present time, the subscriptions received this year and paid into the bank amounted to £14,400. He also stated that £10,000 would be required for carrying out the scheme he proposed for next year for building a preparatory school for one hundred little boys, the sons of Freemasons.

A meeting of the shareholders in the Crystal Palace Company was held, yesterday week, at the Cannon-street Hotel, at which a committee of shareholders was appointed to ascertain and report the complete nature of the offer made to the directors by Mr. F. Sawyer to take a lease of the palace and grounds. Mr. Thomas Hughes, the chairman of the company, described the step as premature and futile, because there was not the slightest power to carry out the recommendations of any committee for a lease to Mr. Sawyer.

THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS.

The following are the results of the London School Board elections on Thursday week. The letters S. and V. appended to the names of candidates indicate the supporters of the School Board policy and of voluntary schools respectively; the letters R.C. indicate Roman Catholic candidates. Those candidates who were members of the late Board are distinguished by an asterisk prefixed to their names. The general result is that thirty of the fifty members elected are supporters of the School Board policy, while twenty are opposed to it. Only one Roman Catholic, the Rev. Angelo Lucas, has been returned:—

CITY OF LONDON (Four Members).	
Sir John Bennett (S.)	7,461
Mr. W. Sutton Gover (S.)	6,299
* Mr. F. Peck (V.)	6,110
* Alderman Cotton, M.P. (S.)	6,099
Mr. G. A. Spottiswoode (V.)	5,295
CHELSEA (Four Members).	
Mr. J. P. P. Firth (S.)	13,348
* Mr. R. Freeman (S.)	10,492
* Professor Gladstone (S.)	9,942
* Rev. C. Darby Reade (V.)	8,222
Mr. Percy Mitford (V.)	7,847
Mr. F. H. O'Donnell (R.C.)	2,656
FINSBURY (Six Members).	
* Mr. B. Lucraft (S.)	15,898
* Rev. John Rodgers (S.)	14,033
* Rev. Mark Wilks (S.)	13,479
Mrs. Joseph Surr (S.)	13,098
Lord F. Hervey, M.P. (V.)	8,468
* Mr. C. H. Lovell (V.)	7,672
The Hon. R. A. Capel (V.)	6,610
Mr. M. Davenport (V.)	729
Mr. William Bishop (V.)	403
GREENWICH (Four Members).	
* Mr. H. Gover (S.)	15,479
Mr. J. E. Saunders (S.)	15,305
Mr. G. B. Richardson (V.)	14,357
Rev. Canon Money (V.)	14,215
Rev. J. Wallace, D.D. (R.C.)	7,211
HACKNEY (Five Members).	
* Sir Charles Reed (S.)	25,716
* Mr. J. A. Picton (S.)	20,813
Mr. John Jones (V.)	15,058
Miss Florence F. Miller (S.)	15,011
* Mr. R. Foster (V.)	10,521
Rev. John Oakley (V.)	9,273
Mr. Edward Jones (V.)	1,593
Mr. William Forster (V.)	615
Mr. William Sargent (V.)	281
LAMBETH (Six Members).	
* Mr. James Stiff (S.)	27,281
* Rev. G. M. Murphy (S.)	26,490
Mr. S. Kemp-Welch (S.)	25,355

MAYLEBONE (Seven Members).	
Mrs. Westlake (S.)	20,231
Rev. Dr. Angus (S.)	18,048
* Mr. T. E. Heller (V.)	13,270
* Mr. W. F. Morgan (V.)	12,571
Mr. Charles White (V.)	9,831
Mr. Pym Yeatman (R.C.)	6,583
SOUTHWARK (Four Members).	
* Rev. Robert Maguire (V.)	6,554
* Rev. J. Sinclair (S.)	6,405
Miss Helen Taylor (S.)	6,081
Mr. H. G. Heald (V.)	5,894
Mr. A. O'Connor (R.C.)	5,164
Mr. Alfred Side (V.)	4,353
Mr. T. J. C. L. Boardman (V.)	220
TOWER HAMLETS (Five Members).	
Mr. W. Pearce (S.)	22,470
* Mr. E. N. Buxton (S.)	18,788
Rev. Angelo Lucas (R.C.)	14,791
* Mr. T. Scrutton (S.)	12,672
* Rev. J. Bardsley (V.)	10,791
Mr. S. E. Ashton (V.)	8,926
Mr. John de Morgan (V.)	5,502
WESTMINSTER (Five Members).	
Mr. Sydney C. Buxton (S.)	8,096
* Mr. George Potter (S.)	6,869
Colonel Dawson Greene (V.)	6,481
Mr. H. Danby Seymour (S.)	6,254
Mr. Donaldson Hudson (V.)	5,903
Mr. E. J. Wetherston (V.)	5,515
Mr. James Bassett (V.)	338
Mr. George Dyer (V.)	315
Mr. W. Weir (V.)	302

It will be seen that only one of those members of the late Board who offered themselves for re-election has been rejected—Mr. Morgan, in Lambeth. All the thirty candidates who distinctly pledged themselves to support the past policy of the Board are returned, and it is reported that Mr. John Jones, one of the new members for the Hackney division, who offered himself as an "independent" candidate, has also announced that he will support the School Board policy. All the four women candidates are returned. The new Board will consist of twenty-five of the old members and twenty-five new members, but of these latter, three—Sir John Bennett (City), the Rev. Dr. Angus (Marylebone), and Mr. W. Pearce (Tower Hamlets)—sat on the first Board, although they were not re-elected in 1873.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The following are the dates on which, during the next twelve months, mails for the Falkland Islands will be dispatched from London for conveyance by the packets of the Royal Mail Steam-Packet Company on the Brazil line sailing from Southampton:—Dec. 25, Feb. 9, March 24, May 9, June 25, Aug. 9, Sept. 24, and Nov. 9. As in the case of mails for Brazil, the mails for the Falkland Islands will be made up in London on the morning of the packet's departure from Southampton.

Information has been received that the French mail-packet on the Brazil and River Plate line, which leaves Bordeaux on the 5th of the month, has temporarily discontinued calling at Rio de Janeiro. Consequently, until further notice, correspondence for Brazil intended for transmission by French packet can only be forwarded by the vessel which leaves Bordeaux on the 20th of each month.

At the request of the Director-General of the Ottoman posts, letters, &c., for Turkey, posted in this country and bearing a special address "to the care of the Ottoman International Post-Office at Constantinople," will be sent in a bag separate from the mail for the British Post Office, and will be handed over to the Ottoman office on the arrival in Constantinople of each mail-packet. All such letters, &c., as are duly prepaid will be exempt from any further charge in Turkey for inland or local postage.

POST-OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS.

The Postmaster-General desires to call attention to the advantages offered by the Post Office:—1. For investing savings and small sums of money, with Government security for repayment. 2. For insuring life. 3. For making provision for old age by means of an annuity. Savings Bank.—An account may be opened with a single shilling; and money can be paid in or taken out at any Post-Office savings bank in the kingdom, no matter where the account be first opened. Interest is given on deposits at the rate of 6d. a year for each complete £1. Married women and children, equally with other people, can have separate deposit accounts. Life Insurance.—Lives may be insured for any amount between £20 and £100; the premiums can be paid either in one sum or in periodical amounts of not less than 2s. For instance, a man in his thirtieth year can insure his life for £50 by a single payment of £21 11s. 10d., or by monthly payments of 2s. 2d. Annuities.—An annuity, immediate or deferred, of not more than £50, may be bought for any person not below ten years of age. In the case of a deferred annuity—i.e., one which is payable at some future period—the payment may be made periodically, in small sums, instead of in one single amount. There are Post-Office savings banks in every town and in most villages, and at most savings banks there is an insurance and annuity office. A list of them is kept at all post-offices. Printed papers, containing the principal rules either of the Post-Office savings bank or of the insurance and annuity offices, can be obtained at any post-office; and, if further information on any point is desired, it can be obtained by application (the postage of which need not be paid) to the Secretary, General Post Office, London.

The forthcoming number of the *New Quarterly* will contain a complete story by Mrs. Cashel Hoey, and a paper entitled "Russian Conquests in Central Asia," by J. H. Tremereere.

The *Gazette* announces the appointment of the following gentlemen to be inspectors of schools:—Mr. Charles Hugh Babington Elliott, B.A., Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge; Mr. Frederic Algernon Stillwell Freeland, B.A., Magdalen College, Cambridge; and Mr. Frederick B. de Sausmarez, M.A., Pembroke College, Oxford.

THE NEW WINTER GARDEN, BOURNEMOUTH.

This pleasant and salubrious place of seacoast residence, on the sunny shore of Hampshire, will henceforth possess an additional feature of attraction to its numerous visitors in the winter season. The New Winter Garden Grounds are well situated, being central and near the public pleasure grounds, which have lately been laid out at a considerable cost by the Improvement Commissioners. The distance from the pier is not great, and as a fashionable lounge the Winter Garden bids fair to be well patronised. A quantity of choice exotics—palm-trees, and other shrubs—have been placed within one wing of the building, specially erected for the purpose, the corresponding wing being intended for a concert-room. The building has been designed by the contractors, Messrs. Fletcher, Lowndes, and Co., of Great George-street, Westminster. It has been constructed under the superintendence of Messrs. Tuck and Cumber, of Bournemouth. It is approached from the Exeter-road by a carriage-drive. The principal entrance consists of a flat glazed roof over the carriage-way, projecting from the vestibule. The edifice comprises a quadrangle, 100 ft. square, with inner galleries, approached by staircases, these galleries running round three sides; an upper structure, or dome, 42 ft. square, with external balcony; the vestibule within the main entrance; and two wings, each 50 ft. long, by 70 ft. wide and 27 ft. high. The roofs are curvilinear, and are constructed on Messrs. Fletcher, Lowndes, and Co.'s system, with their patent iron tubular ribs, and supported by four main and twelve smaller cast-iron columns. There are three minor entrances, one at each of the wings and one in rear of the building, those at the wings consisting of vestibules, projecting 10 ft. and 10 ft. wide. The principal entrances are paved with Carter and Co.'s tiles, from the Poole Pottery. The heating apparatus is sufficient to raise the temperature, as required, from 32 deg. to 62 deg. Fahrenheit throughout the building—a portion of the cast-iron piping being covered with ornamental iron continuous grating. The ventilation is carried out on Taylor's system, applied to a portion of the hot-water pipes, the fresh air being conducted over them by means of zinc piping, and communicating with the outer air by means of cast-iron gratings. Thus a constant supply of warmed and vapourised air is obtained, but additional summer ventilation is provided. The quadrangle is lighted by a fringe of gas jets round the inner side of the gallery, and the wings have star-lights. The water is laid on, and the drainage, means of washing, and protection from lightning are also provided for. The height from the floor to the centre of the roof is about 70 ft., and there is a floor surface of 2000 square feet. The extreme length of the building is 220 ft., and at the widest part it is 126 ft. wide. The sea-views obtained from the outer balcony, running round the upper structure, are very fine, including the Needles and portions of the Isle of Wight, the Solent and the English Channel. In addition to the newly-erected structure, the well-laid-out grounds contain a skating-rink and tennis-lawn, which were constructed and opened at the beginning of the present year, and have since been in great request.

TREASURE TROVE AT MYCENÆ.

Some remarkable discoveries have been made by Mr. Schliemann at Mycenæ, an ancient city in Greece, chiefly among the tombs on the Acropolis.

A correspondent of the *Times* at Argos (from which Mycenæ is distant about five miles), telegraphing on Nov. 24, reports:—"In the great circle of parallel slabs beneath the archaic sepulchral stones, considered by Pausanias, following tradition, as the tombs of Atreus, Agamemnon, Cassandra, Eurymedon, and their companions, Dr. Schliemann has discovered immense tombs containing jewellery. He found, yesterday, in one portion of a tomb human bones, male and female, plate, jewellery of pure archaic gold weighing five kilogrammes, two sceptres with heads of crystal, and chased objects in silver and bronze. It is impossible to describe the rich variety of the treasure."

The same correspondent telegraphs that "Dr. Schliemann has found in the tomb already referred to another great quantity of women's jewellery in gold, and handsomely worked. Immediately after beginning excavations at an adjoining tomb a large head of a cow in silver, with immense horns of pure gold, was found. A large girdle of gold, five gold vases, and immense golden buttons were also found. All these objects were marvellously worked. Among other discoveries are nine silver vases and numerous swords of bronze."

By another telegram we learn that on Nov. 28 "Dr. Schliemann, continuing his researches in the tombs already described, found, yesterday, the following articles of pure gold, splendidly ornamented:—A helmet, two diadems, a woman's large comb, a large breastplate, three masks, six vases, two bracelets, two rings, three brooches, an immense mass of buttons, leaves, and other articles, three large girdles, a silver vase, a stag cast in lead, with a mass of swords, daggers, axes, and warriors' knives, all of bronze, with twenty-five flint-headed arrows."

The *Times* publishes the following telegram from Argos, dated Dec. 2:—"In the tomb previously referred to Dr. Schliemann has discovered a large golden mask and an enormous breastplate of gold. He also found the body of a man, wonderfully preserved, especially the face. The head was round, the eyes large, and the mouth contained thirty-two fine teeth. There is, however, a difficulty about preserving the remains. There were also found fifteen bronze swords with great golden hilts—a mass of immense golden buttons, splendidly engraved, ornamented the sheaths of the swords; also two great golden goblets, and a great quantity of other objects in gold, articles in earthenware, a carved wooden box, several articles in chased crystal, ten large cooking utensils of bronze, but no traces of anything in iron or glass."

A telegram from Athens to the same journal, dated Dec. 5, states that "Dr. Schliemann has succeeded in preserving the dead body of the man to which reference was made in a previous telegram. There were found on his right three large splendidly ornamented golden goblets, one alabaster goblet, two silver goblets, 134 richly ornamented large golden buttons, four golden sword-handles, eleven bronze swords, and jewels."

Mr. Hunter Rodwell, M.P., speaking at the Cambridge Chamber of Agriculture, last Saturday, on county financial boards, said he did not think much financial good would result from such bodies managing county business.

The Louth and Lincoln Railway, having after some delay been passed by Captain Tyler, on the part of the Board of Trade, was opened for passenger traffic yesterday week. The line will be worked by the Great Northern.

A great deal of damage was done, on Sunday night and in the early part of Monday, by the storm which raged over a large portion of the kingdom. In the metropolis and its outskirts the effects of the wind and rain were very severe. Many wrecks and shipping casualties are reported.

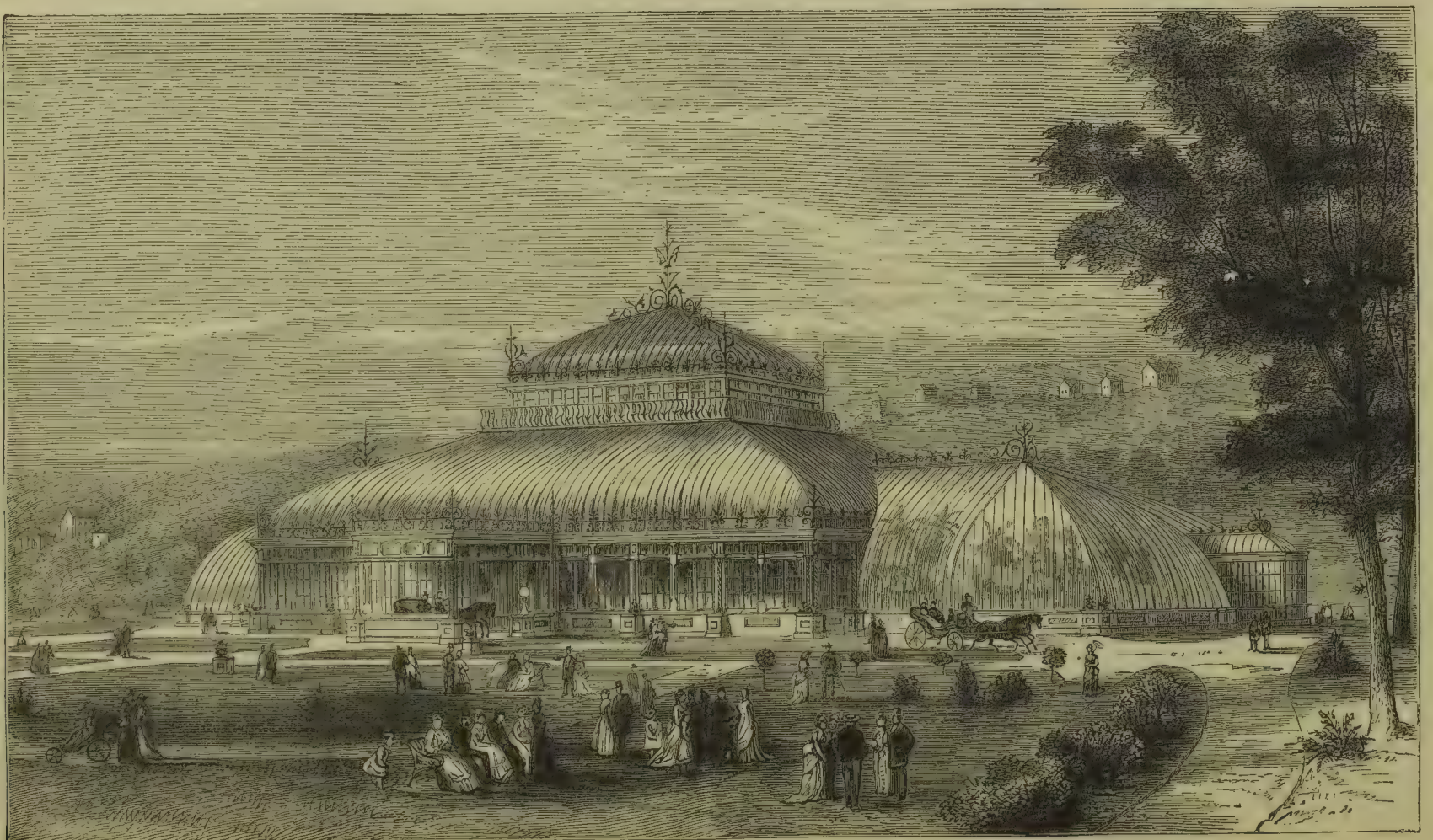


NEW BRANCH SAILORS' HOME, LIVERPOOL.

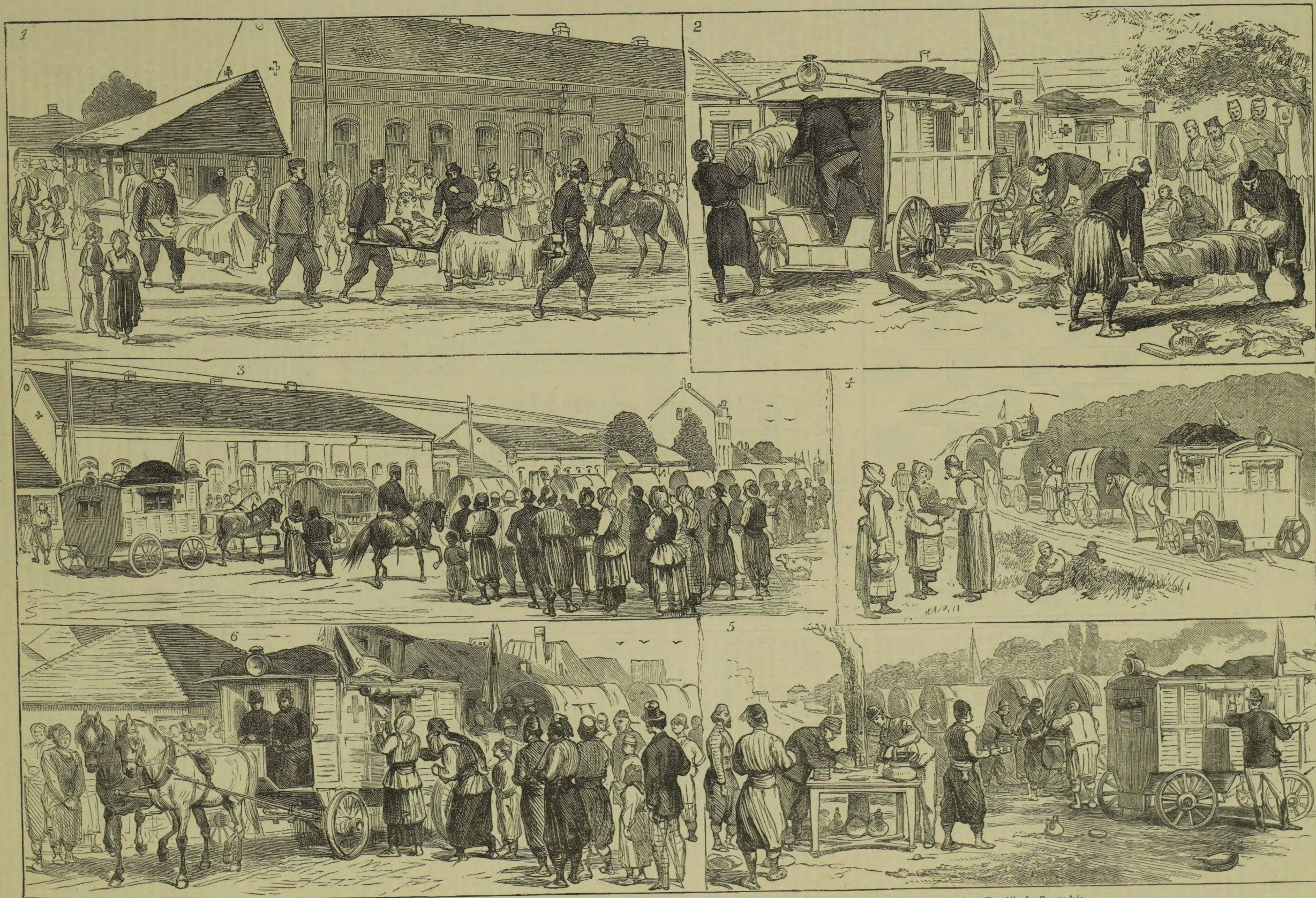
The necessity for a North-End branch of the Liverpool Sailors' Home has long been recognised. It arises not only from the fact that, in less than twenty years, the number of boarders in the old Sailors' Home has increased threefold, so that the accommodation there is stretched to its utmost capacity; but since the present Sailors' Home was erected thirteen new docks have been formed at the north end of the town. In 1875, a sub-committee was appointed to undertake the erection of a Branch Sailors' Home; and they were fortunate in acquiring land in Luton-street, near the Sandon Dock, above two miles from the present Sailors' Home. The foundation-stone of the new building was laid on Sept. 13, 1875, by Mr. Ralph Brocklebank, in the presence of many leading merchants and shipowners of the town. Mr. J. A. Tinné, chairman of the

Sailors' Home Committee, presided, assisted by Mr. Henry A. Bright, Chairman of the Building Committee. We give an illustration of the new building. There will be accommodation in this Branch Sailors' Home for 140 seamen and ten officers; the building will also contain the North-End offices of the Marine Department of the Board of Trade, comprising the shipping and discharging offices, waiting-rooms, and bank. These will be situated on the ground floor, the remainder of which will be occupied by the Sailors' Home bank, the waiting and smoking rooms. The first floor will contain the general dining-hall, ante-room, officers' and seamen's sitting-rooms, library, and superintendent's house. The second and third floors will be occupied by officers' rooms, seamen's dormitories, baths, and lavatories.

On the top floor will be placed the necessary cooking offices, communicating by means of hydraulic lifts with the dining-hall and store-rooms. These are in the basement, where also store and document rooms for the mercantile marine department will be provided. The main staircase is of stone and iron; and special fireproof staircases are provided at the end of each wing for escape in the event of fire. The whole building will cost £25,000, including the cost of additional land in the streets surrounding the new Home, which the committee wisely determined to purchase, in order to prevent the erection of public-houses in the neighbourhood. The buildings are being erected by Messrs. Jones and Sons, of Liverpool, from the designs and under the superintendence of Messrs. Houlst and Wise, of Liverpool. They are to be completed in the coming year.



THE NEW WINTER GARDEN AT BOURNEMOUTH.



1. Bringing Wounded from the Hospitals to the Inn-yard at Paratjin.
4. Mr. Kennett buying grapes for the Wounded on the road.

2. Scene in the Inn-yard: Baron Mundy superintending.
5. Dinner at Oratchia.

3. Ambulance starting from Paratjin for Semendria.
6. Arrival at Semendria.

THE WAR IN SERVIA: FOUR DAYS WITH THE BRITISH NATIONAL SOCIETY'S TRANSPORT.—SKETCHES BY OUR SPECIAL ARTIST.

OBITUARY OF EMINENT PERSONS.

THE RIGHT HON. EDWARD HORSMAN.

The Right Hon. Edward Horsman, P.C., M.P. for Liskeard, died at Biarritz, on the 30th ult., aged seventy. He was son of William Horsman, by Jane Dalrymple, his wife, sister of North-Hamilton, ninth Earl of Stair. He was educated at Rugby, and in 1832 was called to the Scotch Bar. In 1836 he entered Parliament, on the Liberal interest, as M.P. for Cokermouth—a constituency he continued to represent until 1852. In 1853 he was returned for Stroud, sat for that borough until 1863, and since 1869 represented Liskeard. Mr. Horsman, who long filled a very prominent place in Parliament, held office as a Junior Lord of the Treasury, under Lord Melbourne, in 1841, and as Chief Secretary for Ireland from 1855 to 1857. Gifted with great powers of oratory, this well-known politician took his share in the great party contests of his time. Mr. Horsman married, Nov. 18, 1841, Charlotte Louisa, only daughter of the late John Charles Ramsden, Esq., M.P., and sister of the present Sir John William Ramsden, Bart., but had no issue.

SIR J. F. PEACOCKE, BART.

Sir Joseph Francis Peacocke, Bart., of Barnic, in the county of Clare, died on the 29th ult. at Clifden, in the county of Galway. He was born July 1, 1805, the only son of Colonel Sir Nathaniel Levett Peacocke, second Baronet, by Henrietta, his wife, eldest daughter of Sir John Morris, Bart., of Clase-mont, in the county of Glamorgan, and succeeded to the baronetcy at his father's death, Nov. 1, 1847. Sir Joseph was at one time an officer in the 24th Foot.

MR. WREN-HOSKYN.

Charles Wren-Hoskyns, Esq., J.P. and D.L., of Wroxall Abbey, in the county of Warwick, High Sheriff of that county in 1855, died, on the 28th ult., at his residence, 41, Eccleston-square. He was born Feb. 15, 1812, the second son of Sir Hungerford Hoskyns, seventh Baronet, of Harewood, by Sarah, his wife, daughter of John Philips, Esq., of Bank Hall, in the county of Lancaster. He was educated at Shrewsbury, and at Balliol College, Oxford, where he graduated in 1834, and was called to the Bar, at the Inner Temple, in 1838. He married, first, April 20, 1837, Theodosia Anne Martha, daughter and heir of Christopher Roberts Wren, Esq., of Wroxall Abbey, the lineal descendant of Sir Christopher Wren, the great architect, and assumed, in consequence, by Royal license, the prefix surname and arms of Wren. By her he had an only daughter, Catherine. He married, secondly, July 9, 1846, Anna Fane, youngest daughter of Charles Milner Ricketts, Esq., by whom he had one son, Hungerford-Chandos, drowned while bathing, June 16, 1871, and two daughters. Mr. Wren-Hoskyns, who was for some time M.P. for Hereford, was author of works on agriculture.

MR. O'CONNOR-HENCHY.

David O'Connor-Henchy, Esq., of Stonebrook, in the county of Kildare, J.P., whose death is just announced, was the Liberal M.P. for the county of Kildare from 1852 to 1859. He was born in 1810, the second son of Valentine O'Connor, Esq., of Dublin, by Margaret, his wife, only daughter of David Henchy, Esq., of Rockfield, and he eventually adopted the surname of his mother's family. He was educated at St. Mary's College, Oscott, and at Trinity College, Dublin, where he graduated B.A., 1832, and M.A., 1836. Mr. O'Connor-Henchy married, Jan. 10, 1850, Elizabeth Anne, youngest daughter of Sir John Burke, second Baronet, of Marble Hill, and leaves, with other issue, Hugh, an officer in the 19th Hussars.

THE VICE-PROVOST OF TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

The Rev. John Lewis Moore, D.D., Vice-Provost and Senior Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin, died, on the 25th ult., at his residence, Merrion-square. He was far advanced in years, having entered college just sixty years ago. In 1820 he gained his Fellowship—a very lucrative prize in the University of Dublin; in 1850 he was appointed Professor of Modern History, and in 1867 succeeded Dr. Lloyd as Vice-Provost.

The deaths are also announced of Henry James Day, Esq., Lieutenant-Colonel late 99th Regiment, aged seventy-three;—of Lieutenant-Colonel George Woodfall, aged seventy-three, late of the 45th Madras Native Infantry, and afterwards on the staff on particular service in Persia (grandson, we believe, of Woodfall, the publisher of "Junius");—of John Wynne Eyton, Esq., of Leeswood, in the county of Flint, J.P. and D.L., in his ninety-first year;—of Henry Burdett Langham, Esq., fourth son of the late Sir James Langham, Bart., in his sixty-ninth year;—of the Hon. John Rollo, third son of John, eighth Lord Rollo, aged sixty-four;—of Colonel Burnside, C.B., late Chief Instructor of the School of Musketry (served with the 61st Regiment during the Punjab war, and was wounded at the capture of Delhi);—of Colonel Bruce Seton, late of the Indian Army, in his seventy-eighth year, third son of Sir Alexander Seton, fifth Baronet, of Abercorn, in the county of Linlithgow;—of Admiral Frederick Moore Boulton, aged seventy-eight;—of Robert French, Esq., of Monivea Castle, in the county of Galway, J.P. and D.L., High Sheriff in 1824, a principal landed proprietor in Connaught, and representative of a very ancient family, aged seventy-seven (his elder son and heir, Robert Percy French, Esq., is Secretary of Embassy at Vienna);—and of Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Powell Symonds, of Pengethly, in the county of Hereford, J.P. and D.L., High Sheriff in 1874, and Lieutenant-Colonel of the Herefordshire Militia, aged fifty-nine.

The Nottingham Assize Courts have been almost entirely destroyed by fire. The new Crown Court had just been completed at a cost of £10,000.

The number of private bills for which application is to be made to Parliament next Session is 139, an increase of twelve, when compared with the notices lodged at the Board of Trade twelve months ago.

The Duke of Marlborough, the new Viceroy of Ireland, has appointed Captain H. C. Norris, of the Oxfordshire Yeomanry, Aide-de-Camp on the Viceregal Staff in Ireland; and the *Dublin Mail* states that Colonel Richard Bernard has been re-appointed Chamberlain.

Sir Michael Shaw Stewart has been re-appointed Grand Master Mason of Scotland; and the Earl of Limerick, Grand Master of the Mark Degree of Freemasons, was on Tuesday night nominated for the same office for the ensuing year at a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, held at Freemasons' Tavern.

The Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies has found it necessary, in bringing the Act of 1875 into operation, to make a new register for England and Wales, confined to existing societies. It fills no less than seventy-four folio volumes, being made up of detached half sheets, one to each society, so that, as soon as one becomes extinct, its half-sheet may be taken out and consigned to a register of extinct societies. The compilation of this new register has shown that the number of existing societies has been under-estimated. In England and Wales there are at least 24,000, to which may be added about 2000 more for Scotland and Ireland.

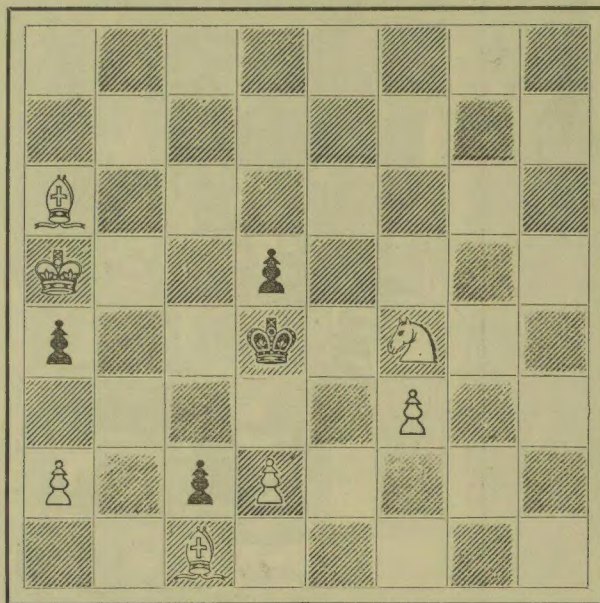
CHESS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications relating to this department of the Paper should be addressed to the Editor, and have the word "Chess" written on the envelope.

PROBLEM 1708.—Additional correct solutions received from East Marden, Wee Pawn, Owllet, Cant, Hereward, Awa.
PROBLEM 1709.—Additional correct solutions received from D Housteyn, R H Brooks, W Leeson, Owllet. Those by A W S, C B, E L G, G I, Alfredo Ansd, Baron Iriss, and Heatherfield are wrong.
PROBLEM 1710.—Correct solutions received from Wee Pawn, Cant, Wanstead, W S B, East Marden, F O'Geger, F D Housteyn, H Rec, W F Payne, R H Brooks, Woolwich Chess Club. Those by E F I, G H V, E H H B, and J P Jameson are wrong.
Answers to numerous correspondents are postponed till next week.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 1710.
WHITE. BLACK.
1. Q to Q R 3rd K to K 4th*
*1. K to B 5th† K to B 5th†
†1. Kt to Kt 3rd Kt to B 5th (ch), &c.
2. Kt to B 5th.
2. Kt to B 5th (ch).

PROBLEM No. 1712.
By the Rev. F. R. DREW.

WHITE.

White to play, and mate in three moves.

THE COUNTIES CHESS ASSOCIATION.

A Game played at the late meeting of the Counties Chess Association between Sheriff SPENS, of Glasgow, and the Rev. C. E. RANKEN. (Evans' Gambit.)

WHITE (Mr. S.) BLACK (Mr. R.)
1. P to K 4th P to K 4th
2. Kt to K B 3rd Kt to Q B 3rd
3. B to Q B 4th B to Q B 4th
4. P to Q Kt 4th B takes P
5. P to Q B 3rd P takes P
6. P to Q 4th P takes P
7. Castles P takes P
The "Compromised Defence," though theoretically satisfactory, has not met with a very favourable reception in this country. As a matter of fact, the second player has a difficult uphill game before him for a series of moves, in which the slightest error will seriously "compromise" his position.

8. Q to Q Kt 3rd Q to K B 3rd
9. P to K 5th Q to Kt 3rd
10. Kt takes P Kt to K 2nd
11. Q Kt to K 2nd
White may also play 11. B to Q R 3rd or 11. R to K sq at this point, but the move is not recommended by Anderssen.

12. B takes Q Kt P P to Q Kt 4th
Not so good, we are inclined to think, as 12. B to Q 3rd.
13. Kt to K B 4th R to Q Kt sq
He ought to have played 13. Q to Q R 4th. The move made loses a valuable Pawn.

14. Q to Q R 4th Q to K B 4th
15. Kt to Q 4th Kt takes P
16. P to K B 3rd Q to K 5th
This is all very well intended; but in his combination White apparently failed to take into consideration his adversary's sixteenth move.

17. Q takes Q Q takes K Kt (ch)
18. Q takes B B to Q Kt 3rd
19. P to Q R 4th P to Q R 3rd
20. R to K sq P to K B 3rd
The only reply. He clearly could not refine the attacked Knight or take the Bishop without loss.

21. B to K B sq Castles
22. B to Q R 3rd P to Q 3rd
23. Kt to Q 3rd K Kt to Kt 3rd
24. Kt to Q Kt 4th P to Q B 4th

25. Kt to Q 5th R to Q Kt sq
26. P to K B 4th Kt to Q B 3rd
27. B to Q B 4th Kt to R sq
28. Q R to Q sq Kt to Q 5th
Black is willing to sacrifice a Pawn in order to secure the exchange of pieces.

29. R takes Kt P takes R
30. B takes Q P B to Q Kt 2nd
31. B takes Q R B takes Kt
32. B to Q 6th
Better apparently, to take Bishop with Bishop; but White, doubtless, calculated on winning the dangerous passed Pawn by giving up the two pieces for the Rook.

33. B takes R Kt takes B
34. R to K 4th Kt to K 3rd
35. P to K B 5th B to Q 4th
36. R takes Kt B takes R
37. P takes B K to Kt sq
38. K to B 2nd K to B sq
39. K to K 2nd K to K 2nd
40. K to Q 3rd K takes P
41. K takes P K to Q 3rd
42. K to Q B 4th P to K B 4th
43. K to Q 4th P to Kt 3rd
44. P to K R 4th P to Kt 3rd
45. K to B 4th P to K R 3rd
46. K to Kt 5th P to K B 5th
47. K takes P K to Q B 4th
We commend this Pawn-ending to the young player, as being full of interest and instruction.

48. K to R 6th P to K Kt 4th
49. P to R 5th K to B 3rd
50. K to R 7th K to B 2nd
51. P takes P P takes P
52. P to R 6th P to Kt 5th
53. K to R 8th P to Kt 6th
He might also have won by 53. P to K B 6th; e.g.:-

54. P to Kt 3rd (best) P to B 7th
55. P to R 7th K to Kt 6th
56. K to Kt 5th P Queen and wins.
54. K to R 7th P to B 6th
55. K to R 8th K to Kt 3rd
56. P to R 7th K to B 2nd, and Black wins.

DEATH OF MR. WORMALD.

It is with sincere regret that we announce the death of the distinguished chessplayer who during the past two years has conducted this department of the *Illustrated London News*. Mr. Wormald died on the 4th inst., after a long and painful illness, endured with patience and fortitude—qualities no less characteristic of the man than the kindness of heart which endeared him to everyone that knew him. By his death English chess is deprived of one of its ablest champions, and its literature of its most brilliant ornament. Before his retirement from practical chess, some years ago, Mr. Wormald held a foremost place in the ranks of English chess amateurs; but he achieved a wider distinction as an exponent of chess theory, and it is in the literature of the game that his best work is to be found. His "Chess Openings," an enlarged edition of which was published last year, obtained the approval of all the recognised authorities, and has been universally pronounced to be the best work on the subject in our language. As a composer of chess problems, Mr. Wormald ranked with the greatest masters of the art. His productions in that branch of chess are marked by originality of design and a subtle as well as graceful fancy, in the exercise of which it is not too much to say that he had but few rivals.

Although Mr. Wormald's admiration for chess has left its mark upon his career, he was never in danger of sinking to the level of the mere chess-player. He had won no undistinguished place in the field of journalism when the disorder that has terminated fatally attacked him, two years ago, and, incapacitating him for continued labour, cut short the promise of a brilliant future.

Mr. Wormald has left a widow to mourn the loss of a devoted husband.

A new wet dock, about five acres and a half in extent, constructed jointly by the Town Council of Burntisland and the North British Railway Company, at a cost of nearly £80,000, was opened yesterday week.

The representatives of Trinity College, Dublin, and of the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons in Ireland, have agreed upon the formation of a conjoint examining board in medicine, surgery, and midwifery.

The finances of the Glasgow City Parochial Board are in a prosperous way. The revenue collected up to the present date amounts to £18,630—£1000 in excess of the sum in hand at the corresponding date of last year, and this notwithstanding the reduction of 1d. in the assessment.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

The will of the late Edward Tew, of Crofton Hall, and of Wakefield, in the county of York, the late head of the banking firm of Leatham, Tew, and Co., which was executed on March 7, 1876, has been proved in the Wakefield District Registry by all the executors, Thomas William Tew and Percy Tew, the testator's sons, and the Rev. Thomas Greenall, his son-in-law. The effects are sworn under £600,000. After disposing of his household furniture and effects amongst the various members of his family and giving some small pecuniary legacies, the testator bequeaths to the Clayton Hospital in Wakefield the legacy of £4000. He devises all his real estates at Bawtry and Rawcliffe, in the county of York, to his son Thomas William in fee, and then bequeaths the following pecuniary legacies:—To his son Thomas William Tew, £50,000; to trustees upon trust for his son Edward Tew, £40,000; to his son Cyril Blackburne Tew, £50,000; to his son Herbert Sayer Tew, £50,000; to his son Percy Tew, £100,000; and to trustees upon trust for his daughters, Catherine Holdsworth, Laura Sophia Greenall, and Constance Mary Tew, respectively, the respective legacies of £15,000, £15,000, and £20,000. The residue of the real and personal estate, including the testator's share in the Wakefield and Pontefract Banks, is given to his sons Thomas William Tew and Percy Tew, in equal shares.

The will, dated May 16, 1872, of Mr. William Stone Ellis, late of Streatham, who died on the 2nd ult., was proved on the 21st ult. by the Rev. Edward Eade, and Edmund Henry Ellis, the nephew of the deceased, the executors, the personal estate being sworn under £80,000. The testator bequeaths to his brother George Henry Ellis, £5000; to his sister Mary Ellis, £3000; to his brother the Rev. Edward Chauncey Ellis, and his niece Mrs. Jessie Pierson Collingridge, £2000 each; to his executors, £500 each; to his nieces Lucy Crabb and Susan Georgiana Crabb, £250 each; to Harriett Platt, a legacy of £200, free of duty, and an annuity of £150 for life; and the residue of his property upon trust for his said brother Edward Chauncey Ellis, his wife, Mrs. Alice Ellis, and their children.

The will and two codicils, dated March 8, 1872, May 9, 1874, and March 24, 1876, of the Rev. Sir Henry Foulis, Bart., late of Great Brick Hill, Bucks, who died on Oct. 7, at Amptill House, Amptill, were proved on the 23rd ult. by Mrs. Sophia Wingfield, the niece, Mr. Christopher Sykes, M.P., the nephew, and Lieutenant-Colonel Philip Smith, the executors, the personal estate being sworn under £70,000. The testator bequeaths, upon trust for Mrs. Mary Louisa Meux Smith and her children, £5000, if her husband, William Henry Meux Smith, survives the testator, but if he predeceases him, then he gives her instead £1000 absolutely, as she will then be otherwise provided for; to his executors Mr. Sykes and Lieutenant-Colonel Smith, £100 each, free of legacy duty; all the rest of his property, real and personal, he leaves to his niece, Mrs. Wingfield.

The will, dated Nov. 15, 1872, of Mr. William Leedham, late of Highfield, near Andover, who died on Sept. 22, was proved on the 6th ult. by William Leedham Crowe and the Rev. Frederick Smith, the acting executors, the personal estate being sworn under £60,000. The testator gives to his wife, Mrs. Henrietta Leedham, his furniture, plate, and household effects, an immediate legacy of £300, and an annuity of £1000; to each of his executors £200, and suitable mourning for his servants; the remainder of his property is left upon trust for his daughter, Mrs. Mary White, her husband, John Bazley White, and their children.

The will, dated June 20, 1848, of Miss Emma Gibbons, late of No. 16, Hanover-terrace, Regent's Park, who died on Sept. 25, at Aberystwyth, was proved on the 15th ult. by Mrs. Elizabeth Gibbons, the mother of the deceased, the personal estate being sworn under £40,000. The testatrix gives, devises, and bequeaths all her real and personal estate, whatsoever and wheresoever, to her said mother for her own use and benefit.

The will, dated Nov. 24, 1857, of Sir Charles Nightingale, Bart., formerly of Hill-street, Knightsbridge, but late of Ludham, Norfolk, who died on Sept. 17 last, was proved on the 28th ult. by Sir Henry Dickenson Nightingale, Bart., the son of the deceased, the sole executor named in the will.

We learn from the *Carlisle Patriot* that the late Mr. George Moore by his will bequeaths Whitehall, the estate, and a substantial part of his personalty, to his grandnephew, Master Parkin, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Parkin, of Blithwaite House—Mrs. Parkin being Mr. Moore's niece. The young gentleman who in a few years will step into this splendid heritage is now eleven years of age, and has been a pupil at Aspatia Agricultural College. Mrs. Moore is, of course, amply dowered, and the magnificent mansion at Kensington Palace-gardens is conveyed to her absolutely. We understand that £10,000 each is left to Mrs. Moore's two sisters, Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Brockbank, the latter of whom is dead; £5000 to Mr. Barnes, and £20,000 to testator's brother Thomas. There are a very large number of legacies of a public and private kind, among which some of the orphan children whom Mr. Moore looked after in life are not forgotten. The amount given to Cumberland charities is stated at £100,000.

The *Scotsman* states that a legacy, amounting to between £30,000 and £40,000, has been left to the Edinburgh Free Church College by the late Mr. David Meldrum, Craigfoodie.

A strong organisation is in course of formation throughout the country, its fundamental principle being to arouse the national feeling against the continued encroachment of prison and reformatory labour upon free labour. Already in upwards of sixty towns throughout the kingdom special committees have been formed for this purpose, having centres in London, Manchester, Bristol, Leeds, Birmingham, Sheffield, and other places. It is stated that the subject of prison labour will be made a test question at the next general election by all working-class organisations, including the trades unions.

The laws relating to savings-banks and Post-office savings-banks appear greatly to need consolidation and amendment. The Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies notices in his report that both classes of savings-banks reproduce in a great degree in their constitution an obsolete pattern of friendly society, the improvements in legislative machinery which experience has suggested for this latter class of bodies not having been made available. The privilege of nomination for small sums, for instance, now granted to members of friendly societies, industrial and provident societies, and trade unions, is one entirely adapted to savings-banks; and it would probably remove the great majority of the difficulties, which now arise in cases of the intestacy of depositors. As between trustee savings-banks and Post-office savings-banks, again, the law of forfeiture of double deposits, whether in the same or different banks, justifiable as to the former so long as a comparatively high rate of interest is allowed, becomes one of extreme hardship as to the latter, the State deriving a profit from all investments in it. The Chief Registrar is of opinion also that the Post-office regulations as to savings-banks require emendation in several respects.

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